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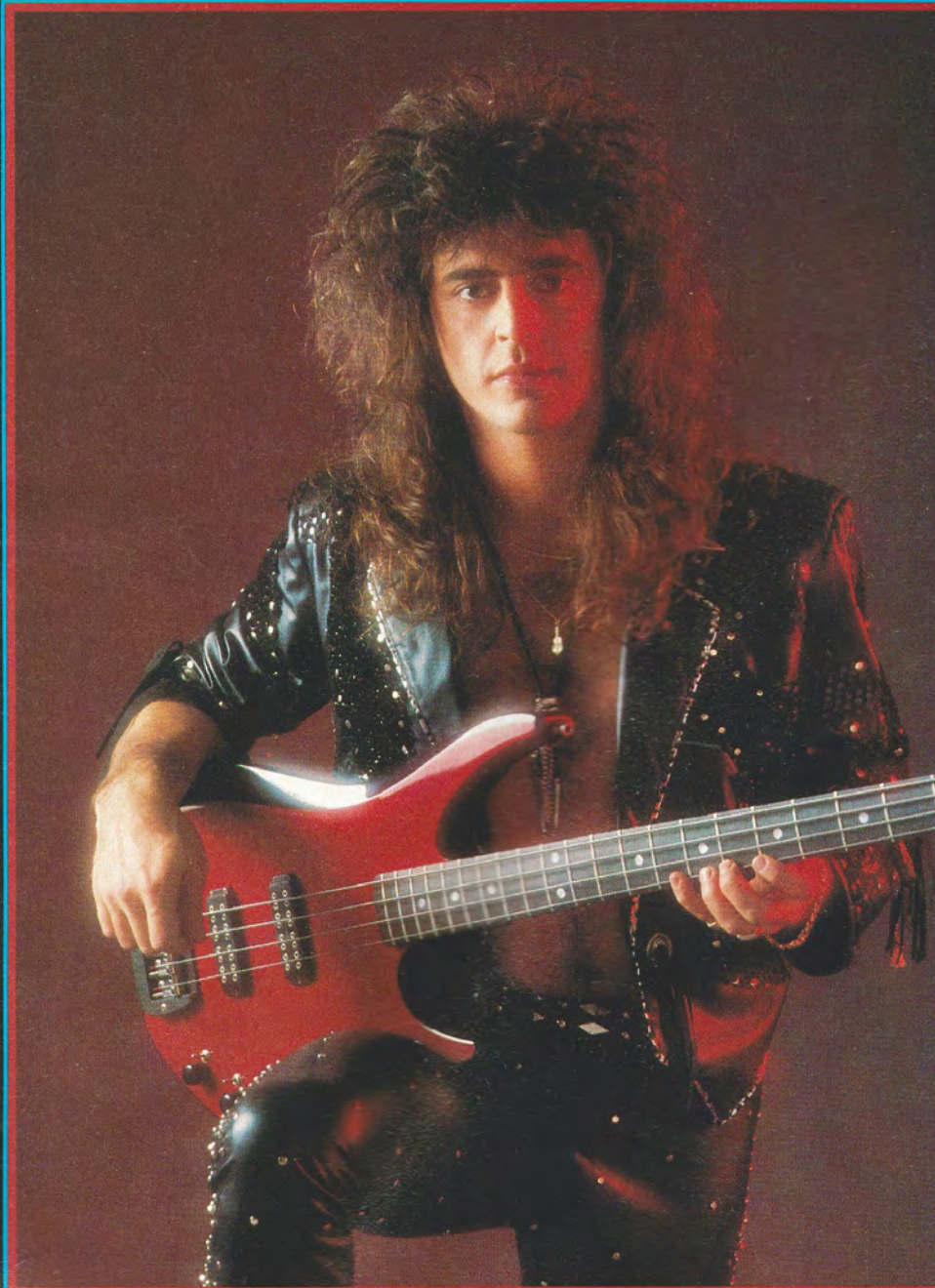
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Dear GUITAR,

I would like to thank you for printing "Satch Boogie" in the July '88 issue. Joe Satriani is an incredible guitarist. I can't believe the things he does with his guitar! I broke my wang bar trying to play it. I recommend picking up a copy of *Surfing with the Alien* for any guitarist. I bought it when it was first released and I was blown away! Since then I bought *Not of This Earth* which is just as good. Joe could be a source of inspiration to any style of player. I tip my hat to you, Joe Satriani.

Ben Obler
Hastings, MN

Dear GUITAR,

I think it's possible to assume that your July '88 issue could very well be the best issue that you guys have ever released. One issue containing musicians that are superior in their fields. Joe Satriani is, in my eyes, the greatest guitarist to come along since... since... ANYONE!! When I listen to him, I hear Van Halen, Gibbons, Vai, Di Meola, Clapton, etc. The list goes on and on. I'm not saying that he is a clone of any of these extremely talented individuals, I'm just trying to say that he is probably the best when it comes to any style of music. Kirk Hammett is THE speed metal guitarist. He just does not play as many notes as possible into one beat. He is very lyrical and expressive in what he does. Tom Scholz, though not my favorite guitarist, has made some wonderful pieces of equipment that have revolutionized the way guitarists play and sound. Vito Bratta. What can you say? Sure, you could pass him off as a Van Halen clone, but that would be way off base. So what if he uses the two-handed tapping technique that Ed made so popular. He does it well and with feeling, and that is what counts. To top it all off, a Lita Ford centerfold. Lita is probably the best female guitarist in the industry (as well as the best looking). She could blow away most male heavy metal guitarists with ease. Thank you GUITAR for such an exciting and informative issue of your magazine.

Jake Bell
Champaign, IL

Dear GUITAR,

After reading Chris Dierson's attack of Jeremy Price's letter, I could keep silent no longer. Mr. Dierson, you put your foot in your mouth on several points in your letter. To begin with, the whole point of Jeremy's letter was to point out the lack of variety, which you said had no basis.

You then proceeded to insult the groups mentioned by Jeremy without bothering to look for support yourself. So far, the ratio of heavy metal songs to non-metal songs is approximately 2 to 1, and of the groups mentioned, GUITAR has transcribed one R.E.M. song. The only reggae in GUITAR has been the few Police songs (two, I believe); most of the songs are hard rock, heavy metal, blues, and an occasional jazz song. This leaves out country, rockabilly, ska, flamenco, bluegrass, etc.

Also, the 'milestones of rock' you mentioned have already appeared in GUITAR, along with most of the rock classics by Hendrix, Page, Beck, and Clapton. So what's left is a lot of current metal favorites, by whatever band is the rage. And what do you know about style? Build upon the best of the best? That is absurd. I seriously doubt you could ever master Jimmy Page's style enough to build upon it. Even if you could, you're not developing your own style; you're making a carbon copy. Why would anyone want to hear you play every riff Clapton used when we have recordings of the original, and can see him live? Style is created by blood and sweat, not learned from a book.

Yes, the magazine is called GUITAR, not HEAVY METAL GUITAR, but no, solos do not have a lot to do with mastery of the guitar. Solos are a product of mastery of the guitar. Ask the masters. Soloing is inspired, not transcribed. You obviously listen to a very limited range of music, or you would know that many songs by groups such as R.E.M., the Smiths, Squeeze, Frank Zappa, Chet Atkins, Scotty Moore, U2, etc. are very complex and difficult, not endless chord progressions. You and any guitarist would be hard pressed to pick out the intertwined, winding, rhythmic tapestries of Keith Richards, or the burning, dexterous solos of Johnny Winter, or the masterful, complicated, complementary guitar of Glen Tillbrook of Squeeze, whose songs, by the way, rarely have less than seven chords in them. GUITAR definitely suffers from a lack of variety, but nevertheless, it is still the best magazine of its kind.

Steve Beckner
Elkview, WV

Dear GUITAR,

I salute you! I've been a subscriber to GUITAR since April '84 and I have all the issues since your start in November '83. It's been a thoroughly educational, informative four years and I always look forward to the next issue (and continue to do so). I play classical/acoustic fin-

gerstyle guitar plus rock guitar (rhythm and lead) and bass guitar too, so your magazine has been a tremendous boost to my repertoire! In the GUITAR issue of October '85 you printed in the Current Events column a Request Line of guitarists and songs that should and/or will be featured in future issues. Well, you featured most of the guitarists that were listed and almost all of the requested songs (17 out of 20) so far. You truly cater to the practicing musician! The GUITAR Classics is a tour-de-force example of your expertise. Well, have a good year, keep up the good work and thank you for the music and the words.

Loren Neufeld
Winkler, Manitoba

Dear GUITAR,

Thanks for a fantastic magazine!! GUITAR offers so many inspiring interviews and insights on the way people think and feel and how music relates to their lives. There is no way possible I could have progressed this far without the transcriptions and performance notes. My thanks and admiration to the whole staff. Especially Wolf Marshall's "The Classical Influence," March '88 and Ben Bolt's "Bourree in E minor." It's very challenging and different. I hope there is more where this came from.

Terry Jones
Montgomery, TX

Dear GUITAR,

I'm 18 years old and have been playing for nine years. I have been 'addicted' to your magazine since February '85, and I have to say it is the best. But lately in reading your magazine I have noticed that you guys have been interviewing the same people again and again. The same goes with your selection of songs to transcribe. If I wanted to know every song off *Whitesnake* or *Slippery When Wet* I would go out and buy their songbook. It would be great to see a wider range of metal transcriptions in your magazine each month. There are so many talented new metal guitarists out now and they deserve recognition, such as: Niko Arvanitis and Tommy Bolan (Warlock), Geoff Gayer and Carey Howe (Leatherwolf), Dave Prichard (Armored Saint), Andy La Rocque and Frankie Moon (King Diamond), Alex Skolnick (Testament), Gene Allen and J. Holmes (Lizzy Borden), and Gary Holt (Exodus). It would be great to see interviews and transcriptions by these people and others in the near future.

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Dear GUITAR,

Boy, I really underestimated you. Please accept my apology. The Poster Feature of Lita Ford was great! I didn't think I'd ever see an article on a female guitarist and began to lose faith. The July 1988 issue of GUITAR restored my faith.

*Robyn Metko
Appleton, WI*

Dear GUITAR,

A few years ago when I was living in Atlanta, GA, I was at a Jim Wallace convenience store when who walks in but Steve Morse and T. Lavitz (keyboards for the Dregs). I stood there like a fool and didn't say a damn word. I'm sure T. knew I knew who they were, 'cause we stared at each other for a few seconds. Anyway, they left the store, climbed into a yellow Pantera and drove off. I've kicked myself in the butt for not saying anything. Steve, if you do see this letter, I wish I had said hello to you that night.

*Eric Thomas
Elliott City, MD*

Dear GUITAR,

I have just bought my first issue of your magazine (July '88). I was at the newsstand and I saw two GUITAR magazines. First, I looked at another one. It was plain and ordinary. Then I looked at yours. It was colorful with photos of some of my favorite musicians, sheet music of great songs, and articles about my favorite bands. I will continue to purchase your magazine. Keep up the good work.

*Chris Hummel
Morgantown, WV*

Dear GUITAR,

Due to all of the stupid, childish, corny, retarded, ridiculous, goofy, laughable, crummy, boring metal you continue to publish, I think you folks may need a reminder as to a few good non-metal bands: The Godfathers, Fetchin Bones, Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians, Opal, The Church, Sonic Youth, Guadalcanal Diary, House of Freaks, The Cure, The Silos, Drivin' n' Cryin, Talking Heads, Hoodoo Gurus, Husker Du, That Petrol Emotion, Volcano Suns, Long Ryders, The D.B.'s, Love and Rockets, BoDeans, Go Van Go, R.E.M., Modern English, The Replacements, The Smiths, Love Tractor, The Method Actors, 10,000 Maniacs, Smithereens, U2, Camper Van Beethoven.

*Steve Moore
Seattle, WA*

Dear GUITAR,

Thank you a thousand times for the poster feature on Trevor Rabin in your June issue. I've waited for years to see

him receive this kind of recognition in your magazine. Alas, I do have one complaint, directed to all interviewers in general: Why must you ask all the same questions that were asked in 1984? Reading interviews with Rabin, or any member of Yes, gives me a sense of déjà vu. I'm sure that by now most of us have memorized the chronology of Cinema/Yes, and are more interested in where Rabin and the rest of the group will take us musically in the future. In all the articles I've read about Trevor Rabin since the days of 90/25, he has made his commitment to progress and originality very clear. It's time for his interviewers to emulate their subject.

*Jill Ausbury
Fort Wayne, IN*

Dear GUITAR,

Reading all the letters and record ads in the past few issues of GUITAR, I regret to say I think I know what the music of the future will sound like: fast and non-emotional. Now I am, myself, a player who loves and lives for speed (my influences include MacAlpine and Malmsteen) but I'm also trying to incorporate feeling into my solos. That's one of the things I like about MacAlpine and Malmsteen—they both have feeling and know when to use the right element of speed. To me, it's not how fast you play, it's how much of yourself you put into your playing. Listen to some classical music; a lot of classical music is fast (at some points) but it has a tremendous amount of feeling. That's what music is all about. Malmsteen, Moore, Lynch, MacAlpine and (Gary) Moore (to name just a few) illustrate what I'm saying. Get the best of both styles of playing; you'll get more self-satisfaction.

*Kevin Jones
Knoxville, TN*

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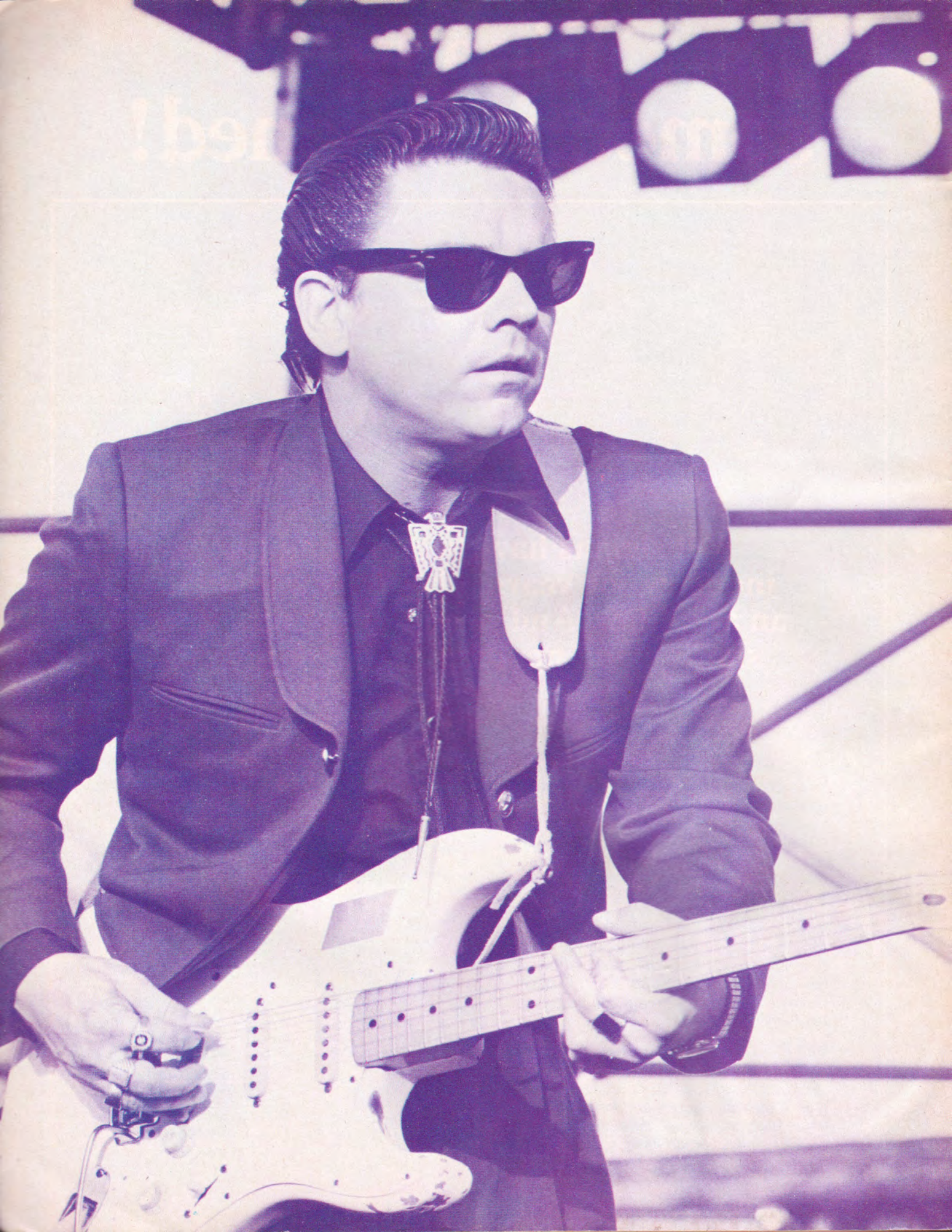
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BY JOHN STIX

1. "Born in Chicago" from *Bloomfield*, by the Paul Butterfield Blues Band/Columbia

Back in the 60s it was Paul Butterfield and all the guys. When I was 15 I used to have a transistor radio and I would put it on my guitar pickup and make it come through my Fender amp so it would be loud. That's what I think of when I think of Paul Butterfield. Plus all the great guitar work. I dug the whole thing in general with those guys. I dug that kind of music. I like the guitar, the drumming, the bass, the harmonica. I was really kind of a blues snob. I was into Muddy Waters, the kind of stuff Butterfield got it from. I prefer that, but I like this stuff too. They were some of the first white guys I remember doing that. It sort of meant it was okay for me to do it.

2. "One Mint Julep" from *Bluesin Around*, by Kenny Burrell/Columbia

Is that with Jack McDuff? I used to get every one of those organ trio records that I could get. Right now I'm in the process of trying to find them again. I got all that Blue Note stuff again when it came back out. This was definitely one of the biggest influences on my playing. I've even gone as far as getting a Leslie cabinet and playing on records with a Leslie, trying to sound like an organ. What can you say about Kenny Burrell? He was always my favorite jazz guitarist, right from the first time I heard him. He was so bluesy. I love the blues. There's a lot of fantastic jazz players but he is my absolute favorite. It's his tone and

his phrasing and everything about him. He is completely free to do whatever he wants to do. I would like to be able to play what I hear like he does. I think he



can play everything he hears as he's hearing it. They call it jazz and blues and this and that but it's all the same thing; it's music.

3. "The Wham" from *The Wham of That Memphis Man*, by Lonnie Mack/Alligator

Wow, Lonnie Mack. I remember when I was a kid and that came out I bought that record and brought it home. That was a 45 that I used to play on 33 over and over trying to figure out exactly what he was doing. It was strange because he had a lot of hits around Dallas but I don't remember him ever playing



What makes the Thunderbirds fabulous (clockwise from top): Kim Wilson, Fran Christina, Jimmy Vaughan and Preston Hubbard.

Robert Teese / Starfile

JIMMY VAUGHAN

Remember, I'm a guy who sits around listening to Hank Williams' "My Bucket's Got a Hole in It." To me that's good guitar playing.

around here so I never got to see him. The only thing I ever saw was the picture of him on the album cover of "The Wham." I loved his tone and his wild ass guitar, but at the same time he was blues and he was my hero. "Chicken Pickin'," "Susie Q," "Memphis," of course. If you didn't know how to play "Memphis" in Dallas you weren't a guitar player. Nobody could play like him. They could play the notes and learn the licks and play the song but nobody sounds like Lonnie Mack except Lonnie Mack. He used a Magnatone. It took several years before I figured that out. It was like it was from outer space. I felt exactly the same way about Lonnie Mack when I first heard "Wham" as I did

when I heard "Purple Haze" for the first time. Just what in the hell is that? It's so far out, the neatest thing you ever heard. You don't even know what it is. Plus it was called "Wham." Whoever named that knew what they were talking about. I can't say enough about Lonnie Mack. It sounds better than the guitar playing that's out now, when we're talking about what's popular on the radio. It had soul. I'm not saying that nobody has soul on the radio today because that would be crazy. When that record came out, the stuff that I liked had to have feeling. It had to be wild and it had to have tone on the guitar. Nowadays you don't hardly hear that. Robert Cray is doing it. Los Lobos is doing it. But the kind of records

that are usually on the radio are all keyboard stuff and MIDI stuff. I probably sound like a dinosaur sitting here talking about it, but I just don't enjoy all of that. I like some of it. I thought the Peter Gabriel So album was good. He was like a soul band from outerspace. But it was somebody who had definitely been to Earth.

4. "You've Been in Love Too Long" from *Takin' My Time*, by Bonnie Raitt/Warner Bros.

That's one of my favorite songs by Bonnie. I love that kind of Memphis soul guitar. It sounds kind of like the stuff we did on *Tuff Enuff*, the same kind of guitar playing. I like it 'cause it sounds like a guitar. John Hall's got a good touch, the black rhythm in there and a great tone and feeling. I love it. I saw him on TV with her a few years back. I like Bonnie Raitt. I can't think of anything she's done that I don't like. With some artists it gets to where you just like the way they sound and it doesn't matter what they do. I'm that way about her.

5. "Since I've Been Loving You," from *Led Zeppelin III*, by Led Zeppelin/Atlantic

Is this Fleetwood Mac? Is it Led Zeppelin? It sounds like somebody who doesn't know what kind of music they're trying to play. I like Led Zeppelin, some of their stuff. I don't like this. It sounds confused. It's everything I hate all at once. I think Page is a great guitar player. It's not fair to talk about somebody else's music. It's their music, so what do I know about it? Personally, it just sounds like one day they decided they wanted to play the blues and they couldn't. It's lack of direction and too notey. It's whatever flips your switch. If it sounds good to you then it must be good. That's the way I look at it.

6. "Railroad Steel" from *Georgia Satellites*, by Georgia Satellites/Elektra

That's the Satellites. I like them. But that's not the way I would do it. I don't like that kind of guitar tone. It's too Les Paul-y and distorted for me. I use that sound too sometimes, but not like that. I prefer not such a rough tone. I like an ice pick sound that can hum as opposed to a comb and a piece of paper over it.

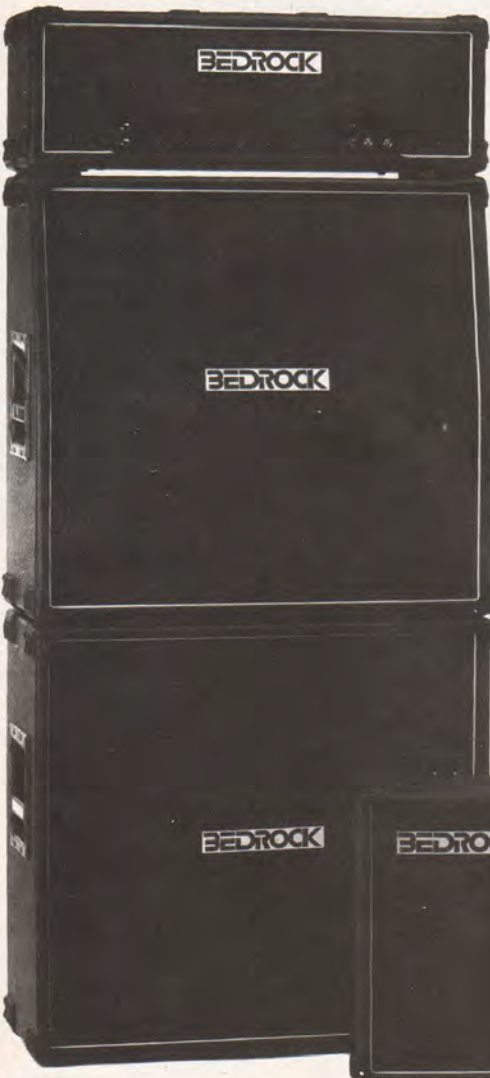
7. "Bring It on Home to Me" from *Too Late to Stop Now*, by Van Morrison / Warner Bros.

I dig Van Morrison. I always did. I like the guitar playing. I don't know who it is. I like Van Morrison because to me he sings what he feels and he don't care what anybody else thinks. He wants to

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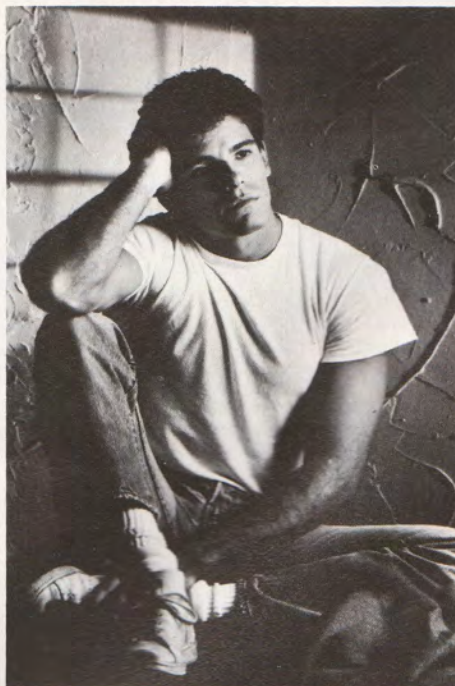
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THE DEAL

By Jay Jay French
(as told to Bruce Pollock)

When a rock phenomenon is happening, like a Boston sound, a San Francisco sound, an LA sound, a CBGB/New York sound, if you happen to be in the right place at the right time and you have a good following, you could probably get a feel that you may be the next in line to be part of this phenomenon because people are talking about it, your manager is being contacted. The power towns like L.A., San Francisco and New York tend to have a lot of business people anyway and you tend to get buzzes like, hey, guess what, so and so is going to come down tonight. That's always floating around. Usually you'll kind of feel a vibe. But I will say this, a band should have its dreamers, the guys who believe everything in the world that they're told, because some nights in your dressing room when you're just waiting for something to happen, he'll be the guy who comes in with a story because he kind of believes it, even

though of course nothing will happen. But you also need that guy in your group or a manager who is savvy enough to know when something is really happening. It doesn't happen by magic; you have to pursue it to a certain degree, have your tapes done, have them out, have a big following so there's a reason for someone to come to see you. And there's always the famous Van Halen story where Ted Templeman comes down to see them at a little bar in L.A. It was raining that night and there were 20 people in the club and in walks Ted Templeman. Here they were the biggest L.A. band and of all nights that's the one he picks to walk in. But that's the night he fell in love with them.

If you're the one band in Butte, Montana and your manager has done his job sending tapes to A&R guys, and they make a point of flying to some Godforsaken town somewhere, you know they're coming to see you. Even so, A&R guys always keep a poker face. The worst thing an A&R person could do is give away how he feels. It destroys his ability to negotiate. But there's also the good cop/bad cop A&R routine, where one of them will love you and the other won't. It's the oldest game in the

book. What will happen is, after the set the A&R guy will shake hands with everybody, 'I love you, babe, we'll be in touch.' And if he's real, he'll call you the next Monday. 'Yeah, I really like the band. Do you have a tape? I really have to listen some more. Really liked it though.' What did the other guy think? 'Well, see, that's why I need a tape. He wasn't that crazy about it, but let's not worry about that. You send me the tape, some photos, let me listen again.' So you send in a tape and a week later: 'Good songs, I like them. You got anything else? No. Tell you what, when you get some new songs, definitely stop by.' They'll never tell you you suck. They'll always say keep sending in material.

If the A&R guy thinks the band is good and he really does want more tapes, your manager may be able to say, 'I need \$5,000 for a demo. Can you arrange it?' And the A&R guy, if he's serious, will arrange for money and a local studio. The basic deal is they then have first right of refusal because they're committing the money. If you get that, that's a feeling that the label is very interested in you. And knowing that you have some sort of developmental deal, you can take that a long way. If you're a really good band you can turn that into a publicity machine. It's a story. If the band is well known live and hasn't been signed you can tell the local radio stations that you're dealing with that something is happening. Now you're talking tangible. Then you make your demo and they decide.

A friend of mine's band made a four song demo for a major label and everybody wanted the band; the label listened to the demo and decided they didn't like it. And then all of a sudden nobody wanted the band. When the big corporations said they weren't interested, all the other ones said, well if they're not interested, why would we be interested? A&R guys will play the tape for a lot of people, because if it bombs you want to go, 'Well, he thought it was good; she thought it was good; the President thought it was good—don't look at me.' God forbid you bring in a project and everybody hates it and it bombs. You can just kiss your ass goodbye. That's why you rarely see the President of a label flip out and hammer a band home when no one else likes it. Usually by the time you get to be President of a company, you're not even listening to what's on the street anymore so you don't have to take that chance.

Most A&R guys are very secretive if they like you, 'cause they don't want it to

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THEY LAUGHED WHEN I SAID THEY COULD HAVE PERFECT PITCH— BUT WHEN THEY HEARD FOR THEMSELVES...!

It's a universal fact: you need a great ear to make it in music. Keyboardist David L. Burge tells the true story of how he unlocked the secrets to the Perfect Ear.

by David L. Burge

I t all started when I was in ninth grade. There was this girl in my school named Linda—she was supposed to have an incredible gift. They said she could name any pitch *by ear*! They said she had "Perfect Pitch."

I tried to imagine it. Do you mean if I play a B $\flat$, she can tell me *without looking*? It seemed impossible. How would she know B $\flat$ from A, B, or C?

But then again, if there were such an ability...it would enhance your entire understanding of music! All musicians—from rock to classical—would want to identify pitches by ear!

It was too fantastic a claim. I doubted it.

The Challenge

Indignantly I sought out Linda and asked if the stories were true. Could she really name any tone just by hearing it? Casually, she said she could.

I felt more than a little incredulous at this point. I rudely asked, "Do you mind if I test you sometime?"

"OK," she responded cheerfully. It made me all the more curious and impatiently excited. I *had* to get to the bottom of this musical mystery.

At the first opportunity I reminded Linda about my "challenge."

I carefully picked a time when she had not been playing the piano. I had her stand where she could not see the keyboard. I made sure other classmates could not give her cues. Everything was set just right so I could expose this thing as a ridiculous joke.



World famous for his Perfect Pitch Seminar, Burge explains how to gain Perfect Pitch. His simple technique is for all musicians.

Inside me the tension was mounting. Linda, however, appeared serenely unaffected. With silent apprehension I chose an obscure note: F#. (This will confuse her!)

I had barely touched the tone. No sooner had it sounded than she *instantly* said, "F#!"

I was astonished! It was so amazing that I quickly played another tone.

She didn't even stop to think. *Immediately* she announced the correct pitch. I played more and more tones here and there on the keyboard, and each time she knew the answer—without any visible effort. Unbelievably, she identified the pitches as easily as colors.

"Sing an Eb," I demanded, determined to confuse her. Quickly she sounded the proper pitch. I asked for more tones (trying hard to make them increasingly difficult), but still she sang every one perfectly on pitch.

"How in the world do you do it?" I exclaimed. I was totally boggled.

"I don't know," she replied. "But I'm sure it's something you can't buy."

The reality of Perfect Pitch hit me hard. My head was swooning with disbelief, yet I knew from my own experiment that Perfect Pitch is real.

My Musical Quest

"How does she do it?" I kept asking myself. On the other hand, why can't *everyone* do it?

It dawned on me that most people go

through their entire lives listening to music, yet they seldom know the tones they hear. Most *musicians* cannot tell C from D#, or G major from F major. It seemed odd and contradictory.

I found myself even more mystified than before I had tested her.

Humiliated and puzzled, I went home to work on this problem. At age 14, this was a hard nut to crack.

You can be sure I tried it myself. My brothers and sisters would test me. Each time I would try to carefully determine the pitch by how high or low it was. Almost every attempt failed miserably.

I tried day after day to locate that "mental pitch barometer." I tried to feel each tone. I tried to visualize them. I tried associating things to them. Then I tried to memorize them by playing them for long periods. But nothing worked. The situation proved utterly hopeless.

After weeks in vain, I finally gave up. Linda's gift was surely unusual and extraordinary. But it was for her and a select few like her. Others were not meant to have it. And do not ask me how she does it, because I have no idea.

The Realization

But just then something miraculous happened. I had stopped *thinking* about the problem. I had stopped *trying*. I had stopped *intellectualizing* all about listening. Now, for the first time, I *STARTED TO LISTEN NATURALLY*.

Suddenly I began to notice faint "colors"

within the tones—similar to the colors in a spectrum of light. But I did not see colors—I *heard* the sublimely delicate “sound colors” which exist in all of music—the pure and natural colors of the *sound* spectrum. They had always been there. But this was the first time I had ever really paused to listen.

Now I could name the pitches by ear! It was simple. An F# sounded one way—a Bb had a different “color sound.” It was as easy as seeing red and blue!

Instantly the realization hit me: **THIS IS PERFECT PITCH!** This is how Bach, Beethoven and Mozart were able to hear music mentally and sing and identify tones at will—by “color sound.” It’s simple!

I became convinced that every musician has Perfect Pitch in his or her own ear, but the vast majority have never really learned to *listen*.

I tried out my theory on my close friend, Ann. She is a flutist. I told her that Perfect Pitch is easy, and that she could do it herself.

“Oh, I could never have Perfect Pitch,” she laughed. “You can develop a good *Relative Pitch* [comparing one tone with another], but you have to be *born* with Perfect Pitch.”

“People feel that way because they don’t understand what Perfect Pitch is,” I explained. “It’s really easy—all you have to do is listen!” I sat down at the piano and showed her my discoveries.

She agreed with everything I showed her. She *had* to, because she heard everything for herself. But she still had a nagging doubt that this was really Perfect Pitch.

The next couple of weeks we dabbled a



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bit more. Though hesitant at first, Ann gradually came to identify tones with incredible accuracy. Of course, this is the very definition of Perfect Pitch. It soon became clear she had fully acquired the skill which before was a mere fantasy.

Fame spread throughout our school that Ann and I had Perfect Pitch. We became instant celebrities. Students would often dare us to name pitches, sing tones, what chord is that, how high did she sing, give me an A, etc. Everyone was amazed.

Perfect Pitch allowed me to progress far faster than I ever thought possible. After all, hearing is the basis for all music. Not only did I receive A’s in ear-training (no problem!), but I completely skipped over

required college courses. Most important, I learned that no amount of practice, lessons, or equipment can ever replace the value of your ear.

Spreading the Knowledge

That’s how it all started. Little did I know that years later I would be teaching seminars on Perfect Pitch.

Actually, I rejected the idea of seminars at first. There were so many misconceptions about Perfect Pitch. People often *laughed* when I said they could have it. Some thought it would bother them if things were out of tune. I guess it’s easy to downplay something when one feels it is beyond reach.

But Perfect Pitch adds a dazzling new dimension to listening. It’s a total artistic sense which promotes tremendous levels of talent in every phase of musical activity—from performing and playing by ear, to improvising, listening and writing, singing, transposing, tuning, better memory—and much deeper *enjoyment* of music. Perfect Pitch means *increased powers of listening*.

I let musicians test me to prove my points, but it didn’t help. They usually felt that I had the knack, but for them it was unattainable.

How was I to calm this skepticism? Remember, at that time I did not have the thousands of students worldwide who are experiencing Color Hearing for themselves.

So I went back to the basics. I would prove my points in just one simple way: by having people *hear for themselves*.

It worked! No amount of lecturing could do it. No amount of testimonials. No amount of logic, persuasion or research would prove it to some. But even “old school” professors were gratefully changing their minds when they *experienced* their “first taste” of real Perfect Pitch. Rock musicians, classical, jazz—they heard for themselves! All talk became unnecessary.

The Experience

The experience is both subtle and awesome. It’s like switching from a black and white to a color TV. Without Perfect Pitch it’s like “black and white” hearing—all the tones sound pretty much the same, just different shades of “gray.”

Perfect Pitch gives you the *colors* of the tones. Color lets you recognize them—an A over there, a C# here, E major chord there, etc. Each tone has its own unique color sound. That’s why I like to refer to Perfect Pitch as “Color Hearing.”

Perfect Pitch is definitely something you can’t buy. Instead, you unfold it *from within yourself*. I feel fortunate that I’m able to offer the knowledge of how to develop it. It’s ridiculously simple. But you have to hear for *yourself* to gain it. It’s yours—inside you, waiting, free as the air you breathe. And it’s a priceless musical possession.

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In his 16 year stretch with the World's Greatest Bar Band, Big Al and his trusty Tele have run the fretboard gamut from sweet country textures and trad-jazz musings to complex flat and finger-picked stylings to shield-the-children's-ears-Molly rock 'n' roll.

Introduction by Rock Stamberg

Interview by Bruce Pollock

It's after 11 p.m. on a school night and they still haven't hit the stage yet. Big Al's Telecaster, Joey's well-worn Danelectro Longhorn bass, and Tom's drums await the arrival of Terry's punching bag/Clavinet to signal the beginning of the festivities. NRBQ will defend their title again tonight as World's Greatest Bar Band in another smoke-filled establishment. If it's a good night and a good crowd Al Anderson and Terry Adams will go full tilt, armed with an onstage arsenal that may or may not include "Smackaroo," "Who Put the Garlic in the Glue?," "When Things Was Cheap," and/or "Wild Weekend." Professionally winging-it, the fab four will go to places that have only been hinted at in the studio; eschewing a set list is the only way to travel. Until about four years ago, NRBQ regularly supplied audiences with a chance to "stump the band" by way of their infamous Magic Box, a colorful former milk crate covered with painted-on question marks, that would make the rounds during the show until everyone in the audience had a chance to drop into it a written song title from any era of music, and whatever titles the band pulled out, they HAD to play. Consider the range and perspicacity of a band that could move on any given night, from Frank Sinatra's "It Was a Very Good Year" to a truly possessed "Spinning Wheel," to a heartfelt "Sink the Bismark." Suffice it to say, that by the time the New Rhythm & Blues Quartet's volatile revue winds down, long after midnight, mere mortals in attendance will have found their suspicions of euphoria to be fully substantiated.

"If we were playing the same set for 16 years, I tell you right now, I'd be working in a pet shop."

NRBQ's ring-leader is definitely Terry Adams, whose assault on the senses begins with his coat-of-many-colors wardrobe and never quits. Proceeding directly to his keyboards, his heady brew of Jerry Lee Lewis meets Jerry Lewis at Thelonius Monk's house can only be diluted by his urge to recite a poem, or to make resident Cabbage Patch doll, Danny-boy, do the limbo under a microphone stand. As far as elocution, Terry's rarely topped his near-classic reading of "You're Over the Hill, Boys" (with piano accompaniment) as delivered on various stages during the summer of '86. But true devotees of the Q know it would not be wise to ever underestimate Al Anderson. While seeming to fan the fires by going whichever way the wind may blow, Big Al's hurricane season always looms near. His amazing sonic pallet is even more remarkable considering the wide range of



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The DCP system is like a mini version of some of my more sophisticated equipment. It's a small, very portable device that can change all the effects from one footswitch. Plus its' sounds are fun to play through. That's just what I wanted.



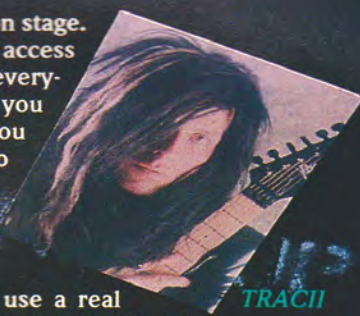
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I really like using pedals on stage. I like the idea of having access to the parameters and everything on stage, because you never know, every place you play sounds different so you have to EQ yourself a little differently, or adjust the intensity of the delay.

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music that NRBQ commands. Playing his trusty Fender Telecaster with minimal effects, he effortlessly glides between sweet country textures, tight trad-jazz musings, complex flat and finger-picked stylings, and lots of wild, shield-the-children's-ears-Molly rock 'n' roll. Pat Metheny has admitted that he can't figure out how Big Al does it. Maybe it's just the moment. Big Al's had a whole lotta moments in his sixteen years with the Q. All it takes is the crack of Tom Ardolino's mammoth snare, combined with Joey Spampinato's humming bass din, to pump him into heart attack form.

NRBQ is usually tagged as a bunch of guys travelling the great Northeast playing their self-styled 'omnipop' without a care in the world. They've also been accused of intentional negligence when it comes to the departments of image, direction, and sales & promotion. Reportedly surly when confronted with such claims, the Q responds by pointing out that they must surely be one of the hardest-working bands in the business, playing over 200 nights every year, including annual jaunts to Europe and the West Coast. The fact that they have only recently resolved a five year-old contract dispute with the late Albert Grossman's Bearsville empire, finally freeing the band to record a new album, lends credence to the band's contention that they actually do aspire to upward-mobility.

Which brings us to NRBQ's recorded output. Although their last studio album proper, 1983's *Grooves in Orbit*, failed to bring multi-platinum riches to the group, they have persevered on projects with such diverse talents as country music legend Skeeter Davis (also Spampinato's wife), and articulate wrestling mogul Captain Lou Albano, who is also notable for once having been the band's manager. NRBQ's sizeable vinyl catalog was recently complemented by the release of their first-ever live recording. Entitled *God Bless Us All*, the album represents an impromptu set of both new and classic Q faves, with no overdubs or alterations made to the proceedings that transpired. True fanatics will also want to hunt down some of their more inspired moments, from the frantic polka-from-Mars jig "Daddy-O," to *Kick Me Hard's* quasi-reggae/bop favorite "It Was a Accident."

All of which goes to suggest that NRBQ pulls some kind of weight out there, not all of it belonging to the 300 pound Big Al. They roll on with the same steady lineup that they've had for years, occasionally adding a horn section, and always inviting others to play with them. John Sebastian, Keith Richards, Ringo Starr, Bonnie Raitt, Jerry Garcia, and many others have been known to share the stage or studio with members of the band; the quartet continues to promise the release of a new studio album via their Red Rooster label (distributed by Rounder Records) in the near future and Al Anderson is reportedly readying his first solo release since joining the group.

Now if they'd just get a little more sun. . .

NRBQ has been thought of at different times as the Ultimate Bar Band or the Best Unknown Band in the World, some kind of secret hip affliction of the very rich or the very jaded. Do you find these labels condescending, when in actuality all you want to be is the richest band in the world?

Financially, it could always be better. But it's an ideal life for a musician. I wouldn't want to change anything, just get more money. There's never enough zeros. When things get really bad is when we get good. We've been pretty close a couple of times;

the *Yankee Stadium* period was pretty hot—good P.R. and stuff.

There've been other good periods, too, but we don't have to have a record to have a good period. We have a situation where we got real big overseas; we got a lot of records coming out there; we stay busy enough so that we're not down if there's no record here. I can smell our time coming. I think we could keep it in check so we wouldn't lose the magic. We might get lazy. That's all that would happen.

I hate to tour in the summer myself, because I hate to sweat. I love to lay back in the summer. I want to buy one of those astronaut suits that stays 68° all year round. But when we make it, I'm gonna keep it light, that's for sure. I'm not going to go out and buy a brand new PA system worth \$800,000. I'm gonna keep the exact same things I got now. Spend 20 grand on it, keep the rest. Don't need a new guitar. I've had the same one for ten years, so I'm gonna stick with that, just refret it.

How do you handle the intricate dynamics of your legendarily eclectic set-less sets?

We don't start with the same song, we don't finish with the same song—you never know what's going to happen, it's all spontaneous. There's certain songs we know we're going to do; we don't know when they're going to be, but we've been playing together for so long you could just turn a certain way and you're going to know what's gonna happen. You can just feel it. In the beginning we were much less attentive to the audience than we are now. Back then we didn't care what the hell we played. If we wanted to be weird for the whole set and not relate to the audience, period, we would do that. Now we're much more aware of the vibe in the room. You have to keep working; if you take too much time off you lose your continuity. The bands that take off for three months every

year, they're just perfecting one set that they're going to keep on doing over and over again. So to keep our spontaneity we have to play a lot, to know what he's going to play next, to get that feeling; if we stop much more than a month we won't be able to have that. I'll tell you right now, if we were playing the same set for 16 years, we wouldn't have lasted. I tell you right now, I'd be working in a pet shop.

But what is required to move so effortlessly from country to rock to jazz to r&b without missing a beat?

You just hit the switch. Jazz you just switch it over to the old mellow tone. Country music you know you're going to be down on the bottom of the neck.

The Q in a queue (from L): Terry, Big Al, Joey, Little Tom, Tom.



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Al and Joey on stage: "Our Fake Book is in the head."

Ebel Roberts

Same with good rock and roll. You could be anywhere in all of them for solos. I use an echo and a chorus. I have a wall of boxes. I tune down a lot. I tried to play pedal steel for a year. Impossible. Being from Connecticut, it just doesn't work. All those pedals, the volume pedal, three levers, this hand, that hand, everything working all the time. You gotta be able to be mathematical, know where the note's gonna go; you can't just pick it up. You gotta know what you're doing. Just in the last three years I've gotten my own style together. If I want to learn a little riff, I'll try to copy it. I'll seek out bits and stuff but I don't go that far. It's more a matter of the confidence part. I can pull this off, no problem. That's a good attitude to have. I used to do more what I was told. Now, soon as I did a solo album, I had a lot more power and confidence. Before, I didn't think my playing was right, then when I started getting confident I actually got to be that good to myself. I can't remember when it happened, but I just remember it happening. No need for self doubt. Just go in there and say you're the best and by golly, you will be.

How strenuous are your rehearsals?

We don't even have to rehearse anymore, really. You could just be in a hotel room and Terry could play the song, we all have pretty much perfect pitch, and we could actually play it that night without having played it on an instrument that day. Our fake book is in the head. Not too often does anyone have to stop anyone to say, play this here. It's pretty much just go ahead. Longevity is the key to that, plus you have to have respect for the others so you don't have to wish under your breath that he was playing something else.

What kind of music did you start out playing?

My first bands were r&b—black bands, black clubs, organ trios. They didn't even have a rhythm section; it was guitar,

keyboards and drums, three nights a week at the Red Ash in Hartford. Sundays at the Rockabye would be a big jam session from 5-9. The place was owned by a group called the Nightriders; they had some hits and they bought this club and called it the Rockabye and from 5-9 we were always hanging out there. It was a lot better to go over in front of black people than white people, 'cause you know that black people know you're laying something down. White people could just be there for the occasion. If you go over in a black club and you're white you feel like a million bucks.

Who or what switched you onto the guitar?

One of the biggest things in my life was the James Burton solo on "Hello Mary Lou." Maybe the most influential solo ever played. I didn't know you could bend a note that far. I never knew you could buy strings you could bend. It took me until 1968 to find out you could buy light gauge strings. Burton was amazing. I saw him on the *Ozzie & Harriet Show*, backing up Ricky Nelson. He was something. His style influenced me as much as his playing. You had to hear him play "Suzie Q" and "Hello Mary Lou." You could file right out right then; it was all over. I was big into Chet Atkins. It took me years to find out Chet was playing fingerstyle. I just thought he was using a thumbpick; I couldn't figure that out. My first guitar had a little cowboy on it. I was a good guitar player for my age, probably the best around, not because I was so good, but because there was no one else in my town.

Has anything of significance happened guitarwise since then?

I wasn't that well educated musically when I joined the band in the 60s; the others have every record ever made. All my influences are guys from the 50s and there's not many

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James Burton albums you can buy. I got Chet Atkins records where he played on the sessions. He's a lot better as a session guy than on his own records. He has some records on Mercury by the Carlises that will fry your brain. I'm big on Muddy Waters; Hubert Sumlin is one of my favorite guitar players in the world. He's a master. Taj Mahal is one of the great masters. I respect Eddie Van Halen a lot; Pat Metheny's got his own thing and does it well. Otherwise, in the 70s there's nothing to discuss; it's non-existent. Even Van Halen wore thin on me after a week. At first I thought it was the greatest thing I ever heard, then after a while I got tired of it. Southern rock? Get it out of my life. I like chicken picking guys. I love Lonnie Mack. I'm not at all affected by the blues guitar of 60's and I can't stand the people that were. Especially these guys from England, without naming names, that became gods and stuff, because of all the stuff they stole off of our guys here. All of a sudden they're like these great guys because they know how to sustain notes. Not many of them knew how to play very well at all; in fact, I'll bet Hendrix was the only guitar player I have respect for out of the 60s at all. That guy Alvin Lee—I never heard a guy play so many notes and not put nothing down. Zeppelin had more on the ball, but I don't know if I ever want to hear "Stairway to Heaven" again. They had something happening at least, when I look back on it. But at the time I didn't like them either; I didn't like sustained guitars. Steve Ferguson is probably the greatest rock and roll guitar player I ever heard. He was the previous guy in NRBQ. I don't know why he left. He's on the first two NRBQ Lps on Columbia. He came back for a while and it was a two guitar band in 73-74. I took the back seat. I definitely learned a lot from him, just listening to him on records. He'd be three guys on one solo. He'd play a solo where he'd have three different

Bob Leate



personalities, all amazing. He has an album out now on his own label. He was something scary.

I assume you're equally up to date on the latest guitars?

I used to live and breath guitar, sleep with it; the whole nine yards when I was a kid. Now I don't practice at all. I have an old Danelectro since 1960. I have one of those baritone guitars developed by John Sebastian. I've had a Guild X-175 jazz axe since 1960, and a '53 Tele that I took off the road. It was getting too far gone. It's mad at me now; it doesn't play as good since I put it away. I play a '53 reissue

now. I also got an amp to go with the guitar; the same day I got the guitar I also got one of those super Reverbs, dark brown, 1962. I always wanted a Gretsch 6120, with a beejeeber in the middle of it; now the guy in the Stray Cats got one and took all the fun out of it.

Songwriting seems to have become your new passion.

I never wrote much till I got the publishing deal with Bug Music and bought a DX7 three years ago. That opened up a whole new world. I'd only written 8-10 songs up until that point, then I wrote 50 in the last two years. A lot of them are



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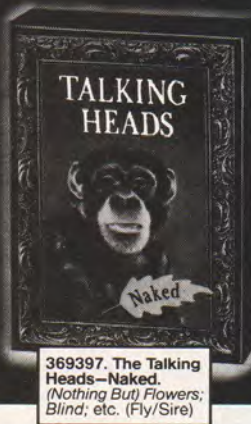
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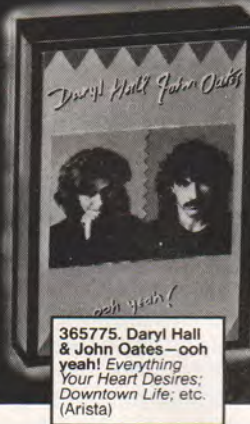
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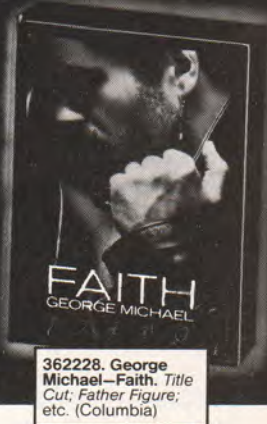
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"I'm not at all affected by the blues guitarists of 60's and I can't stand the people that were. Especially these guys from England, without naming names, that became gods and stuff, because of all the stuff they stole off of our guys here."

been very influenced by some of Prince's work; he loves the last few albums he made. I'm affected by everything. As far as covers, we usually never do anything somebody else might do. We make sure it's really obscure before we do somebody else's song. Or so blatantly popular that for some reason it would be okay to do it. We're all writing too much to bother with anything else. How is it going with your alleged new solo album?

I worked on it for two weeks straight then left it alone for a few months. Right now I think I'm going to 86 the whole thing. You get to listen to it so much you hate it. But this album is a labor of love, my previous one was just a contractual obligation. As opposed to NRBQ stuff, my own album will be straight down the middle, going for the throat, as much as I can.

Would you follow the same method of working if this was the Big Al band? I'd be more regimented and normal. But I'm not even interested in other bands. Not even slightly. You'd have to rehearse, find new guys. That's enough to discourage me right there. 

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please the audience but in order to please the audience you have to please yourself first and they have to see it or hear it before they're going to get it. Because if you don't like what you're doing, how do you expect them to? I like him because he's on his own trip. This was great live. He was doing his gig and having a good time. I wasn't there, but that's what I think.

8. "Amazing Grace" from the soundtrack of *Dudes*, by Steve Vai/MCA

I enjoyed that. "Amazing Grace" is one of my favorite songs. It's a song I used to play for my dad. But I never played it like that. I think it would have been better without that chorus. I like the thing where he sounds like he's got the bar wanged up and he lets go of it and comes back down to a chord. That's the kind of thing I like, where you first hear it and don't know what it is. You wonder what was that? That was fun to me. He's good. I love the song. But tell the guy there's another verse.

ROCK CLIMBING

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get out of the bag. If you happen to be the next Beatles, he doesn't want the next guy to know. If you come up with a tape that kills an A&R guy and he really believes in it, that is the one time where you can make a deal that you won't believe. If they really get buzzed, they may go, don't go anywhere. Let's sit down and deal.

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kind of shown them up. You have really taken a major shot that hasn't worked. And it takes a while to recuperate from a major shot. That's why a lot of people play it safe. It's a young band, let's make everything little, so it doesn't hurt. If it doesn't cost the label much, if we do the album for \$60,000 and we get a producer who is either a member of the band or a new guy and he's only getting two points on a \$10,000 advance, and they get \$10,000 tour support and they make a video for \$20,000 and the record sells... you try to sell one album per dollar spent on promotion. Let's say the whole project winds up being \$110,000 and the band sold 100,000 al-

bums, everyone's happy. You can move on to the next album with that kind of mentality. But God forbid you go in there and you strong arm them with a hot band and you want \$300,000 up front or you want a guaranteed \$150,000 to make the album. You want to bring in a three or four point producer who gets \$25,000 to \$40,000 just to make the record, plus he gets a point or two on the project, which means the record label has to give up more points in order to secure this guy. Then once the record is out, they've committed \$70-100,000 for a video budget, then a major tour. All this happens and your record tanks, you're gone.

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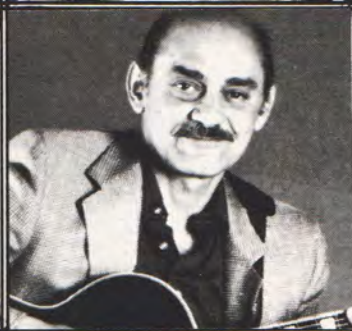
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EDDIE VAN HALEN

Live at Leeds ■ The Who
Cream Goodbye ■ Cream
Wheels of Fire ■ Cream
So ■ Peter Gabriel
One of a Kind ■ Bill Bruford
Van Halen ■ Van Halen
Blow by Blow ■ Jeff Beck

JOE SATRIANI

Are You Experienced ■ Jimi Hendrix
Axis: Bold as Love ■ Jimi Hendrix
Electric Ladyland ■ Jimi Hendrix
Band of Gypsies ■ Jimi Hendrix
Wired ■ Jeff Beck
Flexible ■ Steve Vai
Back in Black ■ AC/DC
Revolver ■ Beatles
Stand Up ■ Jethro Tull
Joe's Garage ■ Frank Zappa
Highway 61 Revisted ■ Bob Dylan
The Hunger ■ Soundtrack

DAVID GILMOUR

Shadows Greatest Hits ■ The Shadows
Blow by Blow ■ Jeff Beck
Dire Straits ■ Dire Straits
John Mayall's Bluesbreakers featuring Eric Clapton ■ John Mayall
Electric Ladyland ■ Jimi Hendrix

GEORGE LYNCH

Electric Ladyland ■ Jimi Hendrix
Truth ■ Jeff Beck
Strangers in the Night ■ UFO
ZZ Top ■ ZZ Top
Street Lethal ■ Racer X
Not of This Earth ■ Joe Satriani
Surfing with the Alien ■ Joe Satriani

STEVE VAI

Breakfast in the Fields ■ Michael Hedges
Surfing with the Alien ■ Joe Satriani
Not of This Earth ■ Joe Satriani
Who's to Know ■ L. Shankar
Van Halen ■ Van Halen
Led Zeppelin II ■ Led Zeppelin

RICHIE SAMBORA

Johnny Winter and Live ■ Johnny Winter
Elegant Gypsy ■ Al DiMeola
Any Led Zeppelin
Van Halen ■ Van Halen
Solo Masterpieces ■ Art Tatum

KIRK HAMMETT

Ziggy Stardust ■ David Bowie
The Hunger ■ Soundtrack
Strangers in the Night ■ UFO
Electric Ladyland ■ Jimi Hendrix
Truth ■ Jeff Beck
Beck-ola ■ Jeff Beck
Wired ■ Jeff Beck

SLASH

Led Zeppelin ■ Led Zeppelin
Physical Graffiti ■ Led Zeppelin
Van Halen ■ Van Halen
Live at Budokan ■ Cheap Trick
Master of Puppets ■ Metallica
Who Are You ■ The Who
Rocks ■ Aerosmith
Live Bootleg ■ Aerosmith
Wired ■ Jeff Beck
Blow by Blow ■ Jeff Beck

YNGWIE MALMSTEEN

Axis: Bold as Love ■ Jimi Hendrix
Are You Experienced ■ Jimi Hendrix
Burn ■ Deep Purple
Fireball ■ Deep Purple
Made in Japan ■ Deep Purple
Trespass ■ Genesis

DAVE MUSTAINE

Surfing with the Alien ■ Joe Satriani
Second Heat ■ Racer X
Never Mind the Bullocks ■ Sex Pistols
More Beer ■ Fear
Behold the Beginning ■ Diamond Head

VINNIE MOORE

I.O.U. ■ Allan Holdsworth
Unsung Heroes ■ The Dregs
Casino ■ Al DiMeola
335 ■ Larry Carlton
Greatest Hits of 1975

TOM KEIFER

It's Only Rock 'n' Roll ■ The Rolling Stones
Physical Graffiti ■ Led Zeppelin
Still Alive and Well ■ Johnny Winter
Live at the Regal ■ B.B. King
Hard Again ■ Muddy Waters
Obsession ■ UFO

JOE PERRY

On Top ■ Chuck Berry
Having a Rave Up ■ Yardbirds
Fresh Cream ■ Cream
John Mayall's Bluesbreakers featuring Eric Clapton ■ John Mayall
Wired ■ Beck

K.K. DOWNING

Under Lock and Key ■ Dokken
Marching Out ■ Yngwie Malmsteen
Van Halen ■ Van Halen
Wheels of Fire ■ Cream
Electric Ladyland ■ Jimi Hendrix

TREVOR RABIN

Visions of the Emerald
Beyond ■ Mahavishnu Orchestra
Birds of Fire ■ Mahavishnu Orchestra
Electric Ladyland ■ Jimi Hendrix
Romantic Warrior ■ Return To Forever
Shakti ■ Shakti

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Thanks!

—Dan Anderson
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QUEEN OF THE REICH

Queensryche gained notoriety for their hard driving Iron Maidenish sound combined with classically influenced solos and harmony guitar parts. This song consists of two guitars playing complementary rhythm parts, one playing syncopated double-and triple-stops and the other playing power chords. Both guitars are heavily distorted with a touch of echo. The opening vocal glissando is virtually identical to Ian Gillan's vocal on the intro to "Highway Star" (GUITAR, February '85). The intro rhythm part played by both guitars is made up of "5" chords played against an E pedal, a heavy metal staple deluxe. The rhythm part behind the verse section has slight variations from the previous part and is also played by both guitars. The guitar solo begins with two guitars playing complementary lines which harmonize each other in spots, but do not follow identical diatonic shapes (bars 1-8). In bars 9-14, both guitars play identical phrases on beats one and three, and harmonize on beats two and four. At bar 17 of this section a single lead guitar takes over, playing lines based on E Aeolian (E,F#,G,A,B,C,D) and E Dorian (E,F#,G,A,B,C#,D). Notice that the only difference between these two modes is the sixth degree (C or C#). The solo moves between legato phrasing, utilizing hammer-ons and pull-offs, and alternate-picked sixteenth-notes with occasional palm muting. Both techniques require practice to establish, so this is a good solo to work on to build technique.

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL, PART TWO

David Gilmour offsets the gloomy mood of the lyrics of this tune with a funky rhythm part, employing basic sixteenth-note alternated strumming, using muted strings between the chord accents. The guitar he's using sounds like a Strat recorded direct into the mixing board. The rhythm part is actually made up of two separate guitars, one left and one right, which complement each other well. Another guitar doubles the vocals in octaves with a thick, slightly distorted tone. Gilmour's classic solo is based primarily on D pentatonic minor (D,F,G,A,C) with brief use of the second (E). The lead guitar sounds like a Strat as well, set on the rhythm pickup. Gilmour is using light gauge strings (.009, .011, etc.) enabling him to execute wide bends such as two and two and a half whole steps. Notice how many of the notes he plays are

accentuated by being bent slightly (about a quarter tone), giving them an expressive, blues-like quality, which can be found in many of his solos. This is not a difficult solo technically, so concentrate on the sound of the notes and how they are affected by variances in finger pressure; Gilmour seems to be using a light touch for the most part, occasionally using more pressure for increased dynamics.

**EIGHT MILES HIGH**

The guitar part on this song consists of one rhythm and one lead, the latter a 12-string played by Roger McGuinn. Roger's lead style is a bit on the haphazard side, but that just serves to increase the amount of personality in his playing. On the Rickenbacker 12-string that he's playing, the high string of each pair is accentuated more than the low one, making the solo sound an octave higher. Also, these guitars are famous for their tight, compressed sound (check out Pete Townshend on some early Who recordings). Roger's lines are based on E Dorian (E,F#,G,A,B,C#,D) and E Aeolian (E,F#,G,A,B,C,D) using mostly the first, second and fourth fingers in set positions. His phrasing is very haphazard as well, so this will be a difficult solo to recreate exactly; it is an expressive solo, though, so try to bring out your own interpretation when play-

ing it. Study both rhythm guitar parts as well, to see how well the different voicings work together.

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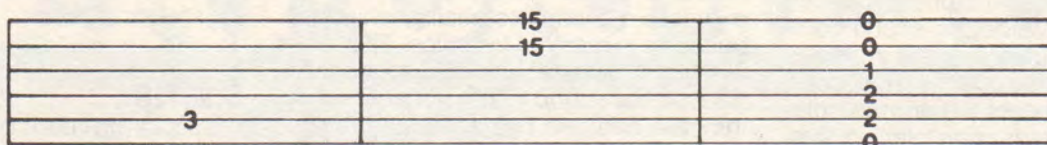
This song begins with a myriad of overdubbed acoustic and electric guitars, all complementing each other with similar chordal arpeggios. This section has been arranged for one guitar, combining the most prominent bits from each separate guitar. Notice the subtle chord changes that are alluded to, as well as the root movement itself. This section is followed by a feel and tempo change, moving to triplet feel at a little more than twice the tempo (or, double time but slightly faster). Triplet feel means to play pairs of straight eighths as if they were part of an eighth note triplet, with the first eighth note being worth the first two of an eighth note triplet, and the second eighth note worth the value of the last eighth note of the eighth note triplet. This is also known as a "shuffle" feel. The chords in this section, as well as in the verse section, feature the use of the open B and E strings, filling out the chord quality. During the verse, notice how Randy Rhoads plays the part slightly differently each time, adding single note lines and tremolo bar manipulations.

The guitar solo is preceeded by a two bar riff featuring two guitars playing the same riff an octave apart. This riff is based primarily on E pentatonic major (E,F#,G#,B,C#) signaling a change in tonality to E major or C# minor (relative minor of E major—same key signature). Randy's solo can be thought of in three parts, made up of three eight bar sections over different chords. The first eight bar section is over C#m, and the riffs are based on C# Aeolian (C#,D#,E,F#,G#,A,B) and C# pentatonic minor (C#,E,F#,G#,B), which can be derived from C# Aeolian. The next eight bar section is over E, and these riffs are based on E pentatonic major and E Mixolydian (E,F#,G#,A,B,C#,D) with occasional use of G#. The last eight bar section is over G, and at this shuffle tempo it's reminiscent of Jeff Beck's "Freeway Jam." These riffs are based on the G blues scale (G, Bb, C, C#,D,F) with occasional use of E.

The coda unites the intro concept with power chords, combining acoustic guitars with heavy electric guitars. The last four bars feature a studio fade, creating the illusion of the chords being repeated by an echo device as they fade out. ➡

TABLATURE EXPLANATION

TABLATURE A six-line staff that graphically represents the guitar fingerboard. By placing a number on the appropriate line, the string and fret of any note can be indicated. For example:

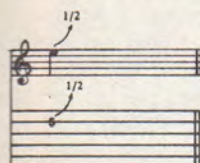


5th string, 3rd fret

1st string, 15th fret,
2nd string, 15th fret,
played together

an open E chord

Definitions for Special Guitar Notation (For both traditional and tablature guitar lines)



BEND: Strike the note and bend up 1/2 step (one fret).



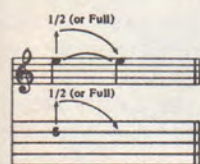
BEND: Strike the note and bend up a whole step (two frets).



LEGATO BEND AND RELEASE: Strike the note. Bend up 1/2 (or whole) step, then release the bend back to the original note. All three notes are tied; only the first note is struck.



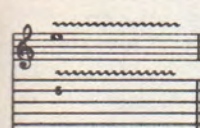
GHOST BEND: Bend the note up 1/2 (or whole) step, then strike it.



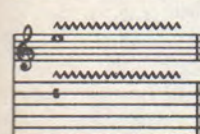
GHOST BEND AND RELEASE: Bend the note up 1/2 (or whole) step. Strike it and release the bend back to the original note.



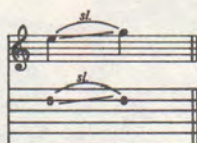
UNISON BEND: The lower note is struck slightly before the higher. It is then bent to the pitch of the higher note. They are on adjacent strings.



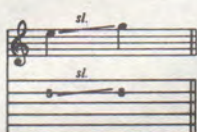
VIBRATO: The string is vibrated by rapidly bending and releasing a note with the fret hand or tremolo bar.



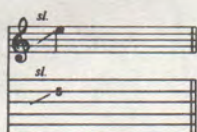
SHAKE OR EXAGGERATED VIBRATO: The pitch is varied to a greater degree by vibrating with the fret hand or tremolo bar.



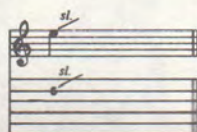
SLIDE: The first note is struck and then the same finger of the fret hand moves up the string to the location of the second note. The second note is not struck.



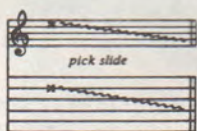
SLIDE: Same as above, except the second note is struck.



SLIDE: Slide up to the note indicated from a few frets below.



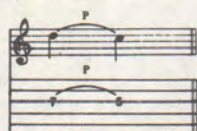
SLIDE: Strike the note and slide up an indefinite number of frets, releasing finger pressure at the end of the slide.



PICK SLIDE: The edge of the pick is rubbed down the length of the string. A scratchy sound is produced.



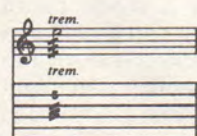
HAMMER-ON: Strike the first (lower) note, then sound the higher note with another finger by fretting it without picking.



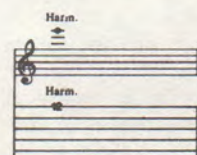
PULL-OFF: Both fingers are initially placed on the notes to be sounded. Strike the first (higher) note, then sound the lower note by pulling the finger off the higher note while keeping the lower note fretted.



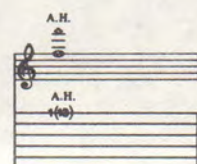
FRETBOARD TAPPING: Hammer ("tap") onto the fretboard with the index or middle finger of the pick hand and pull off to the note fretted by the fret hand ("T" indicates "tapped" notes).



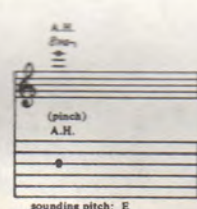
TREMOLO PICKING: The note is picked as rapidly and continuously as possible.



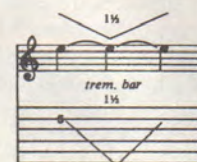
NATURAL HARMONIC: The fret hand lightly touches the string over the fret indicated; then it is struck. A chime-like sound is produced.



ARTIFICIAL HARMONIC: The fret hand fingers the note indicated. The pick hand produces the harmonic by using a finger to lightly touch the string at the fret indicated in parentheses and plucking with another finger.



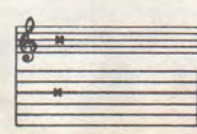
ARTIFICIAL "PINCH" HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by adding the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index finger of the pick hand to the normal pick attack. High volume or distortion will allow for a greater variety of harmonics.



TREMOLO BAR: The pitch of a note or chord is dropped a specified number of steps, then returned to the original pitch.



PALM MUTE (P.M.): The note is partially muted by the pick hand lightly touching the string(s) just before the bridge.

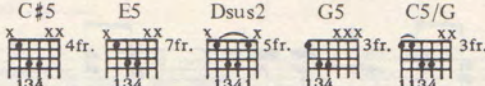


MUFFLED STRINGS: A percussive sound is produced by laying the fret hand across the strings without depressing them to the fretboard and striking them with the pick hand.

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As Recorded by Ozzy Osbourne
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C#5 E5 Dsus2 G5 C5/G


Slow Rock ♩ = 72

Intro *Gtr. I E5 Em7 A/E E7sus4 Em9 Em9(b13) A/E E7sus4 P

mf *let ring*

*Two acous. & one elec. gtr. arr. for one gtr.

Em9 A/E E7sus4 Em9 Cmaj7/E w/Fill 1 A/E Em7

Moderate Rock ♩ = 152

Triplet feel (♩ = ♩♩♩)

Gtr. II E5 C(maj7) Asus2 B5 N.C. 3

f *P.M.---4* *P.M.---4* *sl.* *P.M.---4*

E5 C(maj7) Asus2 B5 N.C. 3

P *P* *P* *P* *P.M.---4* *H* *P*

Fill 1 (Gtr. II)

pick sl.

P P

P P

E5

The musical score consists of three staves:

- Vocal Melody (Top Staff):** Written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are "Tried the rest, found_ the best, _ storm - y_ day won't_ see me sink - ing...". Chord symbols above the staff include E5, C(maj7), Asus2, B5, and N.C. (Natural Chord).
- Piano Accompaniment (Middle Staff):** Written in treble clef. It features triplets and slurs. Performance markings include "P.M., --- 1" and "sl.". The word "Chorus" appears at the bottom left.
- Guitar Chords (Bottom Staff):** A standard six-string guitar chord diagram showing fret numbers (0-10) and fingerings (e.g., 3, 2, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0).

G5

1,2. I can't con - ceal it like I know I did be - fore.
3. Three thou - sand sails on high are strain - ing in the wind.

(w/Wahwah pedal 3rd time only)

(2nd, 3rd times pick sl.)

pick sl.

15

sl.

*Turn vol. off on neck (N) pickup so silence is produced when switching from bridge (B) pickup; flick switch in specified rhythm.

w/Fill 2 3rd time
C/G

2nd time to Coda I $\text{C}\sharp$;
3rd time to Coda II $\text{C}\sharp$

E5 C(maj7)

ing on the shore.
ing to an end?

(2nd time)

3 sl. 3 sl. 3 sl.

p p

0 0 10 10 sl. 0 0 10 10 sl.

5 5 8 8

3 3 7 7 sl. 10 10 5 7 H

P P

Asus2 3 B5 N.C.3 E5

P.M.-----

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

2 2 2 2 4 4 9 7

0 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 2 0 7 7 5 4 7 (7) 0

P P

C(maj7) Asus2 3 trem. bar

3 3 3 1

P P

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

5 3 5 4 5 (5) 0 2 2 (2) (2)

P P

2nd Verse E5 Em C(maj7) Asus2 B5 N.C.

Dare to look, face the test on the eve when you set sail - ing.

3 sl. 3 3 3

P.M.----- P.M.----- H

7 8 7 0 7 7 8 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 0 2 0 3 2

9 9 7 7 5 5 7 7 9 2 2 0 0 0 2 0 3 2

7 7 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 2

sl. H

Fill 2

pick sl.

E5 3 C(maj7) 3 Asus2 3 N.C. D.S. al Coda I

What you've learned,— what you've earned,— ship of joy will stop you fail - ing.—

P.M.---4 3 P.M.---4 sl. P.M.---4 3 A.H. 3 H P 3 P P

A.H. pitch : D# H P P P

Coda I B E5 A Play 3 times

3 3 3 3 H P P

H P P

F#m Dsus2 Gtr. II N.C. 3 3 3 3 H 3 3 P

let ring

Gtr. III 3 3 3 3 H 3 3 P

2/14 4/16 2/14 4/16 2/14 4/16 2/14 5/17 2/14 5/17

H P

Guitar solo C#5 Full 3 Gtr. III Full Gtr. II Full 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 H

4/16 (4/16) sl. Full 9 9 12 9 10 9 12 9 11 12 11 9 11 9 9 9 9 11 10 9 8 5 4 6

Full 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 H

Musical score for guitar, featuring six systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef staff with notes, rests, and articulations, and a bass clef staff with fret numbers and fingerings. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings like "P" (piano) and "Full". Chord symbols like "Dsus2", "E5", and "C5/G" are placed above the staves. Fingering numbers (1-4) are written below the notes. Some measures include "A.H." (Artificial Harmonic) and "P.M." (Pinch Harmonic) markings. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a "sl." (slide) marking.

B
Gtr. II (Gtr. III out)

P.M.-----4

P.M.-----4

H

P P

B5

pick sl.

E5

A

P P

P P

P P

B

E5

A

F#m

P.M.

H

P P

H

let ring

P P

H

Dsus2

N.C.

Gtr. II

Gtr. III

H

H

H

P

(both notes vib.)

2/14 4/16 2/14 4/16 2/14 5/17 2/14 5/17 2/14 5/17

H

P

*Gtr. II tabbed on right,
Gtr. III tabbed on left.

3rd Verse

E5

C(maj7)

Asus2

Wind is high, so am I as the shore sinks

P

P

P.M.

P

P

P.M.-----4

3

P

P

N.C.

in the dis - tance. Dreams un - fold, seek the gold,

E5 3 C(maj7) 3

A.H. (15ma) 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3

trem. bar A.H. 2 2 2 2 2 2

Harm. (8va) 1

Harm. (8va) 1½

trem. bar Harm. 1

Harm. 1½

A.H. pitch: D#

Asus2 3 N.C. E5 3 Em

gold that's bright - er than the sun - light. Sail a - way,

trem. bar (grad. descent) 1½ 3

P.M.-----4

C(maj7) Asus2 B5 N.C.

see the day, dawn - ing of a new hor - i - zon.

P 3 P.M.-----4 H P P

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Brighter Light" by The Beatles. It includes a vocal melody line and a guitar accompaniment line. The vocal melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Gold in sight, shin - ing bright, bright - er than the". The guitar accompaniment is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp. It features a repeating rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and a final measure with a triplet of eighth notes. The guitar part includes a slide effect (sl.) and a pickup (P.M.).

Vocal Melody:

Gold in sight, shin - ing bright, bright - er than the

Guitar Accompaniment:

sl. P.M.-----4

[illegible]

Coda II

The musical score for Coda II consists of three staves. The top staff is for guitar, marked with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5) and a half note chord (F#4, A4, C5). The middle staff is for guitar, marked with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5) and a half note chord (F#4, A4, C5). The bottom staff is for bass, marked with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3) and a half note chord (F#2, A2, C3). The text "Gtr. I (acous.)" is written above the middle staff, and "Gtr. II" is written above the bottom staff. The instruction "let ring" is written below the bottom staff. The number "2" is written below the bottom staff, and the number "0" is written below the bottom staff.

Gtr. I (acous.)

Gtr. II

let ring

2 0

The first system of the musical score for 'The Wind' consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a melody starting on C4, moving up stepwise to A5, then down to D5, and finally to C4. The melody is marked with 'C', 'A5', and 'D5' above the notes. The middle staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a bass line starting on (0), moving up stepwise to 2, then down to 0, and finally to 2. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a bass line starting on (0), moving up stepwise to 2, then down to 0, and finally to 2. The system is marked 'Play 4 times' at the end.

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Chorus

G5

Gm7

A/G

sl.

3

5

12

I can't con - ceal it (etc.)

The musical score for the chorus is written on a grand staff. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the guitar line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The chorus begins with a G5 chord, followed by a Gm7 chord. The vocal line features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes and a slurred eighth note. The guitar line provides a rhythmic accompaniment with a triplet of eighth notes and a slurred eighth note. The chorus ends with a slurred eighth note and a triplet of eighth notes.

[illegible]

Dsus2 E5 Dsus2

E5 Dsus2 E5

Dsus2 G C5/G

G C5/G G5

C5/G G5

B E A B5 E5 A B

E5 A F#m 3 3 3 Dsus2 N.C.

7 7 5 5 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 2 0

sl.

3rd Verse E5 C(maj7) Asus2 3 3 3

Wind is high, — so — am I, — (etc.)

7 5 4 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 0 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

N.C. E5 sl. C(maj7) 3 3 3 Asus2 3 3 3

7 5 7 5 3 2 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 0 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

sl.

N.C. E5 sl. Em C(maj7) 3 3 3 Asus2 3 3 3

7 7 7 5 0 3 2 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 0 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

sl.

B5 N.C. 3 E5 sl. C(maj7) 3 3 3 Asus2 3 3 3 3

7 7 7 7 5 3 2 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 0 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

sl.

Chorus N.C. G5 Gm7 A/G 3 3 3 3

Three thou - sand sails — on high — (etc.)

7 7 5 2 3 2 3 3 5 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3

LEFT HAND ARPEGGIOS

by Jennifer Batten

This month I've chosen seven different arpeggios which all share the same left hand fingering. You may want to play just the left hand notes at first (three octaves of A to C in 5th position) to get used to the shape, and hammering with the left hand. Use a string dampening device to stop unwanted strings from ringing out. Memorize these fingerings and know where the roots are, as they are not always on the first note. Next month I'll put some of these arpeggios to use in combination with some new ones in a progression.

Am **Am/maj7**

*Fret hand fingering. **Pick hand (tap) fingering.

Am7 **Am6**

Fmaj7 **A^o7**

Dm7

EIGHT MILES HIGH

As Recorded by The Byrds
(From the album FIFTH DIMENSION/Columbia Records)

Words and Music by
Gene Clark, David Crosby
and Jim McGuinn

Em F#m/E G/E D/F# C G Cadd2 Em7 A/E Em7(type 2) Em6 Em6

Esus4 Asus2/E Em7 III Em9 E5 Esus2

⑥ open
E

Moderate Rock ♩ = 138

Intro (Bass)

Gtr. I

Gtr. II (12 stg.)

Tablature for guitar, showing fret numbers and string numbers (T, A, B).

Due to 12 stg. gtr., notes played on ⑥ - ③ are doubled one octave higher.

let ring

1

w/Rhy. Fig. 1

(end Rhy. Fig. 1A)

2nd Verse
w/Rhy. Fig. 1 & 1A (both 2 times)

Em F#m/E G/E D/F#

No - where is there warmth to be

C G D/F# C

found a - mong those a - fraid of los - ing

Cadd2 C Cadd2 Em F#m/E G/E

3 their ground. Rain - grey town

D/F# C G D/F#

known for its sound, in plac - es

C Cadd2 C Cadd2

small fac - es un - bound.

Guitar solo
Gtr. II (Lead gtr-12 stg.)

Em F#m Em F#m Em

sl. sl.

7 5 7 7 5 7 7 8 7

sl. sl.

Gtr. I (Rhy. gtr.)
Rhy. Fig. 2

0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2

4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

A/E Gtr. I Em7 A/E Em7 (type 2)

14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14

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12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

A/E Em7(type 2)

A/E Em7(type 2) A/E

Em7(type 2) A/E Em7(type 2)

A/E Em7(type 2) A/E ⑥ open E

Em7 Em7 Em7 ⑥ open E A/E Em6

Esus4 Em7 (type 2) E Em7 (type 2) E Asus2/E H

H sl. sl. P

H 14 15 ⑥ open

P sl. P P P P H P P H P H P

14 15 14 12 12 13 12 13 12 13 12 13 12 12 13 12 13 12 13 12 13 12 13 12 13 12

3rd Verse
w/Rhy. Fig. 1 & 1A (both 2 times)

Em F#m/E G/E D/F# 3 C

'Round the squares hud - dled in storms

G 3 D/F# 3 C Cadd2 C Cadd2 Em F#m/E

some laugh - ing, some just shape - less forms.

G/E D/F# C G 3 D/F# Side walk C

scenes and black lim - o - sines, some liv - ing, some stand - ing a -

Outro
w/Rhy. Fig. 2

Cadd2 C Cadd2 Em F#m Em F#m Em

lone.

sl.

7 5 7 8 7

Asus2/E Em7^{III} Asus2/E Em9

7 4 5 7 (7) 5 4 4 7 4 5 7 5 7

[illegible]

Rhy. Fill 1

9 9 9 9 9 x x 10 10 x 11 11 11 11

6 6 6 6 6 x x 7 7 x 8 8 8 8



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By Bruce Pollock

Robin Williams said that anyone who remembers the Sixties probably wasn't really there. Paul McCartney corroborated this insight last time I spoke to him. "The sixties went by in a bit of a blur for me, you know?" he said long distance from his lordly manor in England. There's a generation wandering among us, half the three-piece suited population of Wall Street, who don't remember who they are or where they've been, Haight Street and Greenwich Village irregulars, who marched at Berkeley and sloshed through Woodstock, peaceniks and fingerpickers, who created out of the music of the times a tottering legacy of memories as hazy as the smokedreams through which we now attempt to chase down those elusive tunes, with one hand waving free, silhouetted by the sea. "People imagined all these things going on," Roger McGuinn told me. "Oh, this guy's a great spokesman, a great statesman, a great artist. I think it was definitely an overestimation of the people involved. The fact is, it's just punks trying to play music usually." He himself went by the name of Jim, one of those punks trying to play music then, with an outfit called the Beefeaters, that changed their name to the Byrds, just as Jim changed his name to Roger under the influence of a religion called Subud. "A guy in Indonesia sort of pulled it out of the air," McGuinn admitted. "It had something to do with vibrations."

Something to do with vibrations. McGuinn's first idol, in the supposedly tamer happy days of the fifties, was Elvis Presley, who vibrated plenty in his time. "Rockabilly was my first love," he said, "Carl Perkins, Gene Vincent, that whole Sun Records thing. Although Elvis wasn't known as a guitar player, he could play a little, and 'Heartbreak Hotel' got me interested in getting a guitar and learning how to sing like that. I used to slow records down to learn to play the lead licks from the instrumental breaks. That's all I could play. There wasn't a lot

of fancy guitar work then. Solos were about 30 seconds in the middle of the song and that was it. Chet Atkins was pretty intricate, but most of the stuff was pretty simple. James Burton was one of the outstanding players back then, guys like Jimmy Bryant in the country field and Speedy West on steel guitar. I remember listening to their stuff. But as soon as the popularity of that faded out, I lost interest in rock 'n' roll and I got into folk music, Pete Seeger and the Weavers, Big Bill Broonzy and stuff like that."

At the Old Town School of Music in Chicago the teenage McGuinn would fingerpick his way toward the first of several crucial musical changes that would not only lead to the Byrds, but to the entire sound of the sixties. McGuinn



Some strange birds: (from L to R) John Sebastian, the late Richard Manuel, McGuinn, Ronnie Spector, Felix Cavaliere, Big Al Anderson.

remembered it well. "They put this school together to teach kids how to play folk music and they had all these little placards on the walls that told you how to pick certain styles. There were maybe 100 different folk artists all with different styles, and every week there'd be a song we'd all study and apply these different techniques to. It was a weekend school. Saturdays and Sundays they'd have classes and maybe they'd have an occasional concert during the week."

It was here he came upon his signature 12-string. "Leadbelly played the 12



string," McGuinn said, "and Pete Seeger and Bob Gibson; I was into those guys. It was one of the strong things that they did. And I thought if you're only going to have one instrument, the 12-string would be the best one because it's got such a full sound for a solo artist. Bands weren't that popular; it was mostly solo artists back then. Seeger always used a five-string banjo and a six-string guitar and a 12-string. So I did that too for a while, and used them for different songs, like different colors. I had a couple of folk trios and quartets that mostly sang around the coffee houses in Chicago. Bands weren't happening. It was pre-Beatles."

In the world of pre-Beatles, pre-As-

sassination, you could hang out under the El under the moon of love ogling cheerleaders strolling the avenue in packs of twelve. No one smoked dope, no one even thought of cutting school. While folk music was epitomized in the hearts and minds of the white bucks and cardigan sweater set as a harmless sing-a-long like "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," down in the dusty caverns of Greenwich Village a rougher sound was being fingerpicked together, the punks of their day, howling at night under the same sky as the Capris and the Ronettes. McGuinn was a witness, but not an especially prescient one. "Dylan was doing Woody Guthrie songs and all I knew was that the little girls liked him a

lot," he recalled. "But I thought of him as just another guy. I was really shocked when he took off."

McGuinn was more of a traditional picker. In the Limelitters and then with the Chad Mitchell Trio, he performed strictly a backup role. "With the Limelitters I was just one instrument. There was another banjo going on and a stand up bass so it was like an interactive thing where I didn't have to play that much. In the Chad Mitchell Trio I was the only musician. They were just singers so I had to do everything. I had to play rhythm and lead and make a real full sound with my instrument. The arrangements were all up to me. As long as it followed the chord line, I could play anything I wanted to and I frequently would make up new parts and improvise and stuff like that. I recorded with both the Limelitters and the Chad Mitchell Trio. I didn't get credit for the Limelitters record; they paid me for it but they didn't put my name on it. But on the Chad Mitchell Trio albums that I did, I got my picture on the cover and got credit and all that. To be a back up musician requires a subservient attitude. You have to not really stand out and try to steal the show or express yourself too much. You kind of play along and you play what they tell you to and you stand where they tell you to or sit and keep that role together."

The Beatles were the Beatles only in England at this point, and Dylan was Dylan only for the crowd in Greenwich Village. So McGuinn went to Las Vegas, where he worked for Bobby Darin. "I wasn't like playing 'Splish Splash' with him or anything," he explained. "He hired me to do a folk segment in his show. I played exactly the same kinds of things that I played with the Chad Mitchell Trio or the Limelitters. At that point he was really interested in becoming as authentic as possible, which I respected a lot." When the Beatles broke, McGuinn was still working for Darin and moonlighting at night with solo gigs at the basket houses around the Village, competing for spare change with characters named Phil Ochs, John Hammond, Dave Van Ronk, and future rock icons like John Phillips (the Mamas and the Papas), John Sebastian (the Lovin Spoonful), Peter Tork (the Monkees) and Paul Simon (Simon & Garfunkel). "My job was to listen to records and come up with stuff like the Beatles were doing. So I got a pickup for my acoustic 12-string and started messing around with that. It was kind of a novelty thing. People thought I was out of my mind and audiences weren't too appreciative. I was doing folk rock when there was no such thing as folk rock. They didn't understand it. Basically, you get more am-

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Once the Beatles arrived in the flesh, McGuinn could sense the sixties starting for real. "When I saw the Beatles I knew I wanted to get a band together," he said. "It looked like a very attractive proposition." And on the street, it had something to do with those vibrations again. "In fact, I remember walking down the street just before I left New York and there were these club owners who said, 'What we need are four of him.' That's when I knew I had something that would work."

All the pieces were in place for a revolution, one part the folk and blues changes of McGuinn's immediate repertoire, the rest the rock 'n' roll that was his roots. As it turned out, he and the Beatles had been on the same wavelength for some time, these two monster engines on separate tracks about to converge in a festival of sound and energy. "When I met George Harrison for the first time, we compared notes and it turned out that he and I learned exactly the same guitar line at the same time. It was the first thing we both learned. I think it was the break from 'Be Bop a Lula.' I think what initially attracted me to the Beatles was the fact that they inadvertently or subconsciously were using folk changes. I'd been listening to Bob Gibson, who used some pretty slick chord progressions for a folk singer. He used a lot of passing chords like the Beatles ended up doing. Like he'd go, G,Bb,Eb,C,Ab,Db, back to G and stuff like that. So when I heard the Beatles I went, Oh, I love those changes, and I loved their harmonies of 4ths and 5ths which were also folk music kind of harmonies, like sea shanty harmonies. I think because they had been a skiffle band and because they came from where they did, that music was just in the air there. They were doing their version of 50's rock 'n' roll, which wasn't anything like that. But they put that other thing on it. So it was the two things that I liked, the 50's rock 'n' roll/rockabilly sound and the folk thing, combined in the Beatles. I guess that was what it really was. When I got to meet them I found out that they didn't know they were doing that. They didn't know how to fingerpick and they didn't play banjos or mandolins or anything, and they

weren't coming from where I was coming from at all, which I'd given them credit for. I thought they knew all that stuff and were just being real slick about it. But it was just kind of an accident. It was a great accident."

Just punks trying to make music, in other words, the Beatles, like the sixties, proceeded from accident to accident, making history along the way. Motoring west one week in 1964, Bob Dylan took note that the Beatles occupied all five slots on the Top 5. "At first Dylan was real and the Beatles were plastic," observed McGuinn. "Then the Beatles got more authentic and Dylan got more Top 40." Of such concerns, artistic and commercial, was folk/rock conceived. Later

on, of course, everyone became cosmic.

"George didn't believe in anything when I first met him," McGuinn recalled. "I remember his response because I thought it was really odd. He said, 'We don't believe in God,' like he didn't have a personal mind or ego of his own. It was a group consciousness. 'We don't know what to think about that.' They were kind of neat the way they worked, the Beatles. They used to all protect each other. It was like a little gang. If you do something to one of them they'll get you. Anyway, I told George about Ravi Shankar and all that Indian stuff, and he got into it after that."

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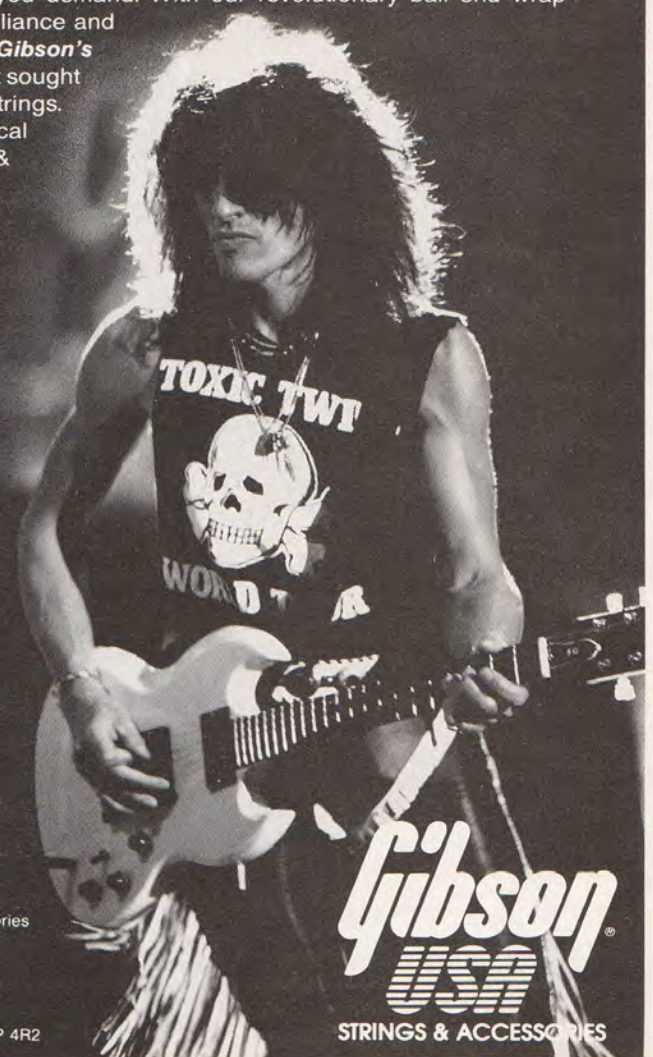
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David Crosby, Mike Clarke and Chris Hillman initiated a transition for all of them more elemental than merely donning a pair of shades and purchasing a limo. "I didn't have much rock n' roll savvy at that point," said McGuinn. "I had my folk chops together, but my sense of rhythm wasn't too highly developed because in folk music the emphasis on keeping a solid beat isn't that strong, as long as you just sort of flow along it's ok. Nobody had to dance to it or anything like that. So one of the major considerations when we got a rock band together was to try to keep a solid beat and I think that was the thing that frightened us the most about it. We played Ciro's, where people were actu-

ally dancing in front of us, and if you messed up on the beat they'd fall down. So that took awhile. And then of course, single string picking was something that I didn't do much of with a flat pick in the folk field. I did fingerpicking and Travis picking and that kind of thing. So I had to learn how to use a pick and how to pick out individual notes and I started practicing scales and stuff like that to get that technique together. I practiced hours and hours every day to get that technique together. With my first Rick-enbacker I used to just sit there on my bed and play all morning every day. Unfortunately, I got lazy and we had a couple of hits and there were times when I didn't pick a guitar for a few days

at a time or a week. And I kind of lost my chops."

Yet since winning the audition to sing Dylan's "Mr. Tambourine Man," the choice of their producer, Jim Dickson, McGuinn's victories in the Byrds were hard to come by. "I was the leader, in name at least," he said. "I did the lead vocals and lead guitar and got a lot of recognition. Crosby wanted to be the top guy and kept pushing for that and there were these ego battles going on all the time. So Chris Hillman and I got rid of Crosby because he was too outrageous, and then Hillman started wanting to be the top guy. You can't win. The only way to do it is not to have a group, I guess." Ultimately the inner squabbles would topple the dreams of so many like sandcastles washed away in a torrent of reality. But before that deluge would occur, the Byrds would give us more than their share of highlights.

"We were on a Dick Clark Caravan of Stars tour," McGuinn recalled of the inception of "Eight Miles High." "Cassette players had just come on the market and I had just bought one in Europe. On the tour we ran into a guy who had John Coltrane's 'India' and we taped it and had it with us and played it over and over again to the point of saturation. We wrote 'Eight Miles High' during that period and when we got into the studio lines from it were just like 'India.' It's the same theme that you hear only I sped it up a little bit and played it on the 12-string. But it was definitely Coltrane oriented. A tribute to Coltrane, if you will. I wanted to go in that direction but I met with some resistance from the other guys in the band. They wanted at that point, to go into country music. So I went along with them. But I was really into getting a jazz kind of fusion band together, which I never pursued."

As high as "Eight Miles High" took them, that was about as high as it got. "We got blackballed after drug allegations about 'Eight Miles High,'" said McGuinn. "It was climbing up the charts and then the Gavin Report came out and panned it. They said it was a drug song and all these stations stopped playing it, and I don't think they wanted to touch us after that." Instead the Byrds acquired some new fans. "I remember one time when we were out on the road David Crosby was on the balcony of this Holiday Inn with this slingshot that used these little .22 caps that you put in a blank gun. He was shooting them against the brick wall, maybe 30 feet down, and they were exploding right where a bunch of rednecks were playing poker. So they started climbing over the balcony, screaming, 'Guys died in Iwo Jima for punks like you.' They were pounding on Crosby, when suddenly



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on I used to be looking over my shoulder, thinking the government was 'after me.'"

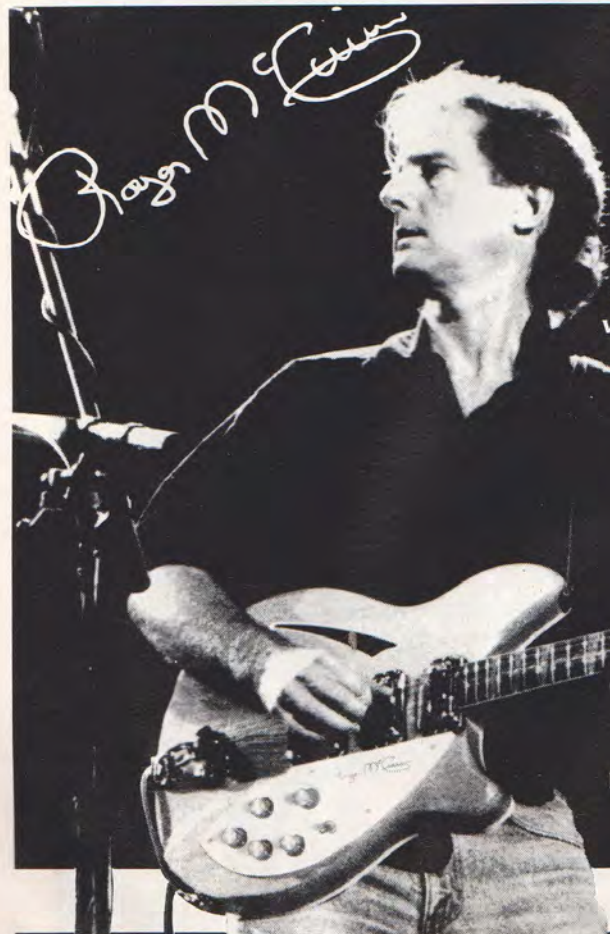
In a case of life imitating art imitating life as it was lived in the sixties, the FBI-haunted Byrds had a major role on the

When I got to meet the Beatles I found out that they weren't coming from where I was coming from at all, which I'd given them credit for.

soundtrack of *Easy Rider*, the transcendentalism of the age winding down into paranoia reflected in their road weary voices winding down a brief but transcendent career in 1969. "Peter Fonda was a friend of ours. Back when I was with Bobby Darin, he was working with Sandra Dee and he came to see us in Vegas. Then David Crosby got to be friends with Peter and he came to the sessions when we were playing. He had a lot of our records and when he went to do the *Easy Rider* soundtrack, in order to save money, he took the record collection and put it on the soundtrack, which at that point was unprecedented. But he wanted a song that was custom made for the movie, so he asked me if

I'd write him a song. Actually, he took the movie to New York and he showed it to Dylan. Dylan scribbled down a couple of lines on a napkin and gave it to Peter and said, 'Here, give this to McGuinn.' So I looked at it and it said, 'The river flows/ it flows to the sea/wherever that river goes/that's where I want to be/flow river flow.' I took it and wrote the rest of it and came up with a tune. I tried to give Dylan credit on it. In fact, the first release of it has, 'by Bob Dylan and Jim McGuinn.' And he called me up and said, 'What is this? You gave me a credit on this song. I don't want any credit on this song.' I said, 'Well, you wrote part of it.' He said, 'I don't want to be associated with it. I don't need the money; I don't need the credit. Take it off.' So I took it off."

If the seventies were more or less time off for good behavior, time spent getting into and out of a variety of extramusical searches, including several unsatisfying revisions of the Byrds, in the eighties McGuinn, along with many of his cohorts from the era, has experienced a solo resurgence. "I went out to George Harrison's house for dinner and we jammed and hung out in the studio," said McGuinn. "He showed me *Cloud 9* before it was released and gave me a copy of it and everything. I'm really hap-



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py for the success he's had with it." At the time, McGuinn was touring Europe with Dylan and Tom Petty. "I came out and opened up about five songs acoustically and then the Heartbreakers came out and played some country things and some rock things with me. And then I came out in the Heartbreakers and sat in and did a couple of songs with Tom and then at the end we all got together for a jam with Dylan. I had probably the best time of anybody on the tour 'cause I got to open and then I had some time off and I got back into it. Most of the songs were songs that they were familiar with already so the rehearsal wasn't too involved. I think we ran it down on

stage one afternoon and that was that. Dylan worked without a set list most of the time and would just call songs off the top of his head and they better know them. Sometimes it was real obscure material that they had never heard before. It was interesting to see how they worked it out."

He's even back to working with one of his old trademark guitars, the 1965 Rickenbacker. "Right now I'm touring with a replica of the 1965 Rickenbacker 12-string 370, which is the one with the three pickups that I used to play. But it has some added things that I asked them to put in. The first one is a circuit board that's underneath the pickguard; it's a compressor that makes the guitar

sound just like the Byrds records. What we used to do in the studio with boxes and outboard equipment now is built into the guitar so any kid can pick it up and sound like that record if they want to. They can switch it on or off. It's got six positions so you can get different tone colors. The other thing is that the bridge has 12 saddles now, individually adjustable. Before, they had six fixed saddles and it was impossible to get the guitar perfectly in tune up the neck. I prefer traveling with just one instrument at this point. It's really compact and self contained. I'm practicing on the Rickenbacker too. You have to really work on it a lot to get that technique down because the neck is so narrow and the placement of the strings is so tight on the right hand that if you're used to the big wide spacing of an acoustic 12, you're going to miss it on the Rickenbacker."

In general he's been practicing a lot more lately. "I play more now than I have in years," McGuinn stated. "I've never gone more than a couple of weeks without picking up a guitar, but it's just a matter of how diligent I was when I did pick it up. Then when I started being a solo artist and working on my own I really had to get my chops together 'cause there was nobody else to cover me, so I started practicing to get a technique down. I practice all the time now and I feel good about it. What I had to really tighten up was my sense of time. Because I was working by myself there was no drummer, so I had to really get my time locked in. And my single string picking stuff. I started working scales more. And then the fingerpicking thing. I just worked on all the different areas that I use. I never thought of myself as a guitar hero; I play guitar and I sing. It's kind of a package deal. I think one of my considerations in doing solo acoustic was to be tuning myself up to more of a fine arts kind of thing, where I could continue as a concert artist for longer than just being a rock 'n' roll star, which is kind of a short burst."

Although, with people like Harrison and John Fogerty leading the way, and other notable old guys like Paul Simon and James Taylor and Steve Winwood coming up recently with their best work, would it be too much to hope for a similar new album from this grand old Byrd? "I've got three different things in the works," McGuinn said. "I'm thinking of possibly doing an acoustic folk album to coincide with the approach I've had for the last seven years. And then of course there's doing new material in a rock vein with a band, something like Fogerty did. I probably would like to do both of those things at different times. Maybe the folk

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Queensryche's trip to the top started at 90mph down the fast lane of the superstardom expressway, only to ultimately find itself detoured on the much more frequently traveled highway of hard knocks. Originally eschewing the live club scene completely, they headed straight for Boardwalk with a demo tape that yielded an immediate record deal, the tape itself becoming an Ep that has sold over 300,000 worldwide and yielded a metal classic, "Queen of the Reich." While subsequent albums, *The Warning* and *Rage for Order*, found the band to be on the leading edge of progressive metal, unfortunately for Queensryche, the style had been overshadowed by thrash and pop metal, leaving the band with a small but solid core audience much like that for the fusion pioneers of the 70's. In these times of Metallica and Poison, Queensryche still seems an acquired taste. And just as DiMeola, McLaughlin and Zawinul are back to playing clubs and colleges, Queensryche's circuit is the same metal clubs they thought they could transcend. Though their fourth album, *Operation: Mind Crime*, is easily their best, both for songs and guitar playing, the road ahead remains clogged with pretenders and also-rans. So the quick getaway has clearly been a mixed blessing, one which Queensryche was more than eager to confront in this interview.

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MICHAEL WILTON



CHRIS DEGARMO

There's been a long time between records. Were you doing musical things during that time?

MICHAEL: It was a real down period. If anybody was put in that situation they would say life is a bummer. We kept writing. Chris would come over and write on the Fostex X-15 and trade off ideas. We worked on riffs. Music is my addiction. It keeps me normal. Or is it abnormal?

CHRIS: The big time consumption that happened between our last album and this one has been a heavy reorganization on the business side. What did you learn about the business that would help our readers?

CHRIS: They can expect that along with writing the music, which is the main thing we love to do, there is another side. Once you sign to a record company and there's management involvement it becomes a business as well. We've changed management in the last year. To recover from the reasons why we had to part from our former management and get into this new situation took time.

MICHAEL: We had to learn the hard way. It all came down on us like a ton of bricks. We were put in a position where people would say, we'll handle everything; you guys just play your music. Don't worry about the money. We went through hell three times and learned a lot. You have to realize there is the business side of the music that you have to keep in touch with. The music and the expression is great. It's freedom and you get to do what you want. But you've got keep on top of business. As soon as you start giving out power for other people to run your business there are more headtrips, ego trips. Money disappears. You've got to keep in touch with the whole organization. It's not fun anymore, it's business. If you look at the positive side you can say I can still do what I want. A bank teller has to dress a certain way. I can still go out on stage and create and do anything I want. Keep that in your mind.

CHRIS: All this vital feeling for music can get sucked out by business. Look at all the legal violence involving the Beatles. It seems the music is put on the back burner. It's the tail. Starting out the music is all consuming. There is nothing else.

Rick Gould

Rick Gould







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Once you get into a record company situation there are a lot of other concerns that come in that split your time up. Our music has always been the most important thing. We've also always had the freedom to write what we want. As you can tell from this album nobody came in and handed us a list of outside writers and said you're going to write formula pop metal for the air waves. We are very fortunate to have management that is very supportive of the band's ideas. We've chosen a road that maybe is longer. It's a more crooked road and certainly not an instant winner. We're not trying to put as many eggs in our basket as possible to jump to a CHR crossover situation. We've chosen a longer road because we're trying to be unique, where people can't expect what's coming on the next Queensryche album. They can't say on their next album we know exactly what it's going to be because they churn them out like formula records. It's taking us longer and we did hit a precipice now. After we released our first record we climbed to a level of success where we feel we've been able to write our own music and obtain a good core. It's a good springboard for us go to the next level.

Doesn't that next level involve a hit song?

CHRIS: All we wanted to do from the start was write good songs together and try and feature our contribution to the fretboard in that context. We're hoping we will write songs that a lot of people will like.

MICHAEL: If we tried to write pop metal like Bon Jovi it would be disastrous because we're not like that. When we try and write top 40 it doesn't work. We have to write what we want without going over people's head. We started out one way and if we tried to go pop it would destroy us.

How do you write a better song?

MICHAEL: It's age. Each time you go into the studio you learn more about songs and different ways music flows and which ways seem to work. On "Revolution Calling" we had the basic music and Geoff came in with the lyrics to the whole song and said, guys, I need this changed, and within ten minutes we had that whole song. Structurewise, it's got a groove. It just can't be a domineering guitar riff throughout the whole thing. It's got to be a song that flows.

CHRIS: With each record we've done we've learned something from the last record. This time, writing a better song was trying to structure a song in terms of the strength of its parts to equal a whole. If we came up with a verse and a strong melody we tried to leave space for the strongest parts to breathe. If the strongest part of a particular thing was a guitar passage we let that be the forte and let each thing shine through in its moment. Before, everybody was doing their thing at the same time. What we try to do now is create a focus in different parts of the song where people's attention is drawn to a certain thing throughout the song. Trying to write a better song is something somebody will interpret as a couple different textures that we haven't used before. It may be better to us because we tried something new. It could be a chorus that we feel is stronger than choruses we've done in the past. If you throw out all the lyrics, we wanted to make the best songs that we could from a musical standpoint. Solid songs that stood up on their own.

MICHAEL: Depending on what you're listening for, you'll hear some special effects that pan in the mix and come out and grab you. There are certain little high points that if you're a headphone listener will keep you very satisfied. For a guitar players, finally on this album we have guitars that are audible. The solos are loud, finally. We had less control in the past. The music grooves. If you're in your car and not interested in concentrating on the lyric content you could still get off on the music. It's in your face and

more street. It's hard core and now.

So you didn't have be a better guitarist you just had to bring out extra colors?

CHRIS: I'm constantly playing guitar. I think I'm a better guitar player now than I was last year. We spent seven months writing the album and for me it was a lot of time sitting with a Fostex portastudio four track and it was hands on. I didn't take any big course that expanded my thinking. It was just a personal attack at the instrument. I tried to expand the tools I use to broaden my ideas for what I can come out with. This year I picked up a Roland GM 70 MIDI converter and suddenly I had access to a whole array of other things aside from guitar sounds. Just being able to actually play all these other sounds on my fretboard shined a new light on what I could do with my Fostex portastudio. When an idea comes up you can go and work on it. We had a vision when we started this album to make a conceptual album that was a full story from the beginning of side one to the end of side two and we were pissed off last year because of a lot of business stuff going down. I think that added to the aggressive nature of the album. I think it's a more aggressive album than our past albums, with the exception of the Ep, which had out of the box hunger.

MICHAEL: We've been out of the business for two years. We have all this bottled up energy. Chris is right; it reflects in our music and writing. We're angry young dudes. As far as the guitar, I see a lot of these new guitar gods that come out in this magazine and I borrow albums and say, wow, these guys know their scales and can pick fast. I can still learn the acrobatics and gymnastics of the guitar. I've always been into DiMeola, Morse, John McLaughlin. Of the new group I like Steve Vai. He is very creative. He is not just a person who can go 0 to 22 frets in two seconds and play a harmonic minor scale in four different patterns. He shows his personality when he plays and that's really important. I like his craziness; his personality is a standout.

How does the creative process work for you?

MICHAEL: Being creative means I listen to a lot of different types of music. I still listen to the traditionalists pretty much. I'm not in touch with the new scene. I'd rather listen to McLaughlin or DiMeola or jazz records with John Coltrane and Miles Davis. I was fortunate enough to be introduced to that. They are not guitar players but hearing their personalities come out when they solo leads me. I think the whole guitar god image of today has been overblown. It's going to take somebody new to change things. It's going to be real stagnant for a while and somebody new is going to come out and shock the industry again. Right now it's peaked and is leveling off.

You mentioned guitar synths. Did the guitar synth adapt to you or you to it?

MICHAEL: Chris got this Roland GM 70 and played around with that. I was pretty raw. I used the Stereo Ripley Guitar. It's great when you have a lot of room to use it. There's a small segue called "My Empty Room," where I use it. It's mixed in with an acoustic guitar too. It's a cascading effect. It's a great idea but it's hard to find a place in a song to use it.

CHRIS: I briefly got to experiment with it on this album. I think this time next year I'll see a lot more results. I had this vision of a part which was a mixture of strings and guitar but I wanted it to not sound like a guitar. But it needed to be played like a guitar. The alternative was to pay an orchestra to sit there and pull it off, which gets very expensive. Or I can make an investment into a piece of gear that will pay off down the road because I'll wind up using it and learning

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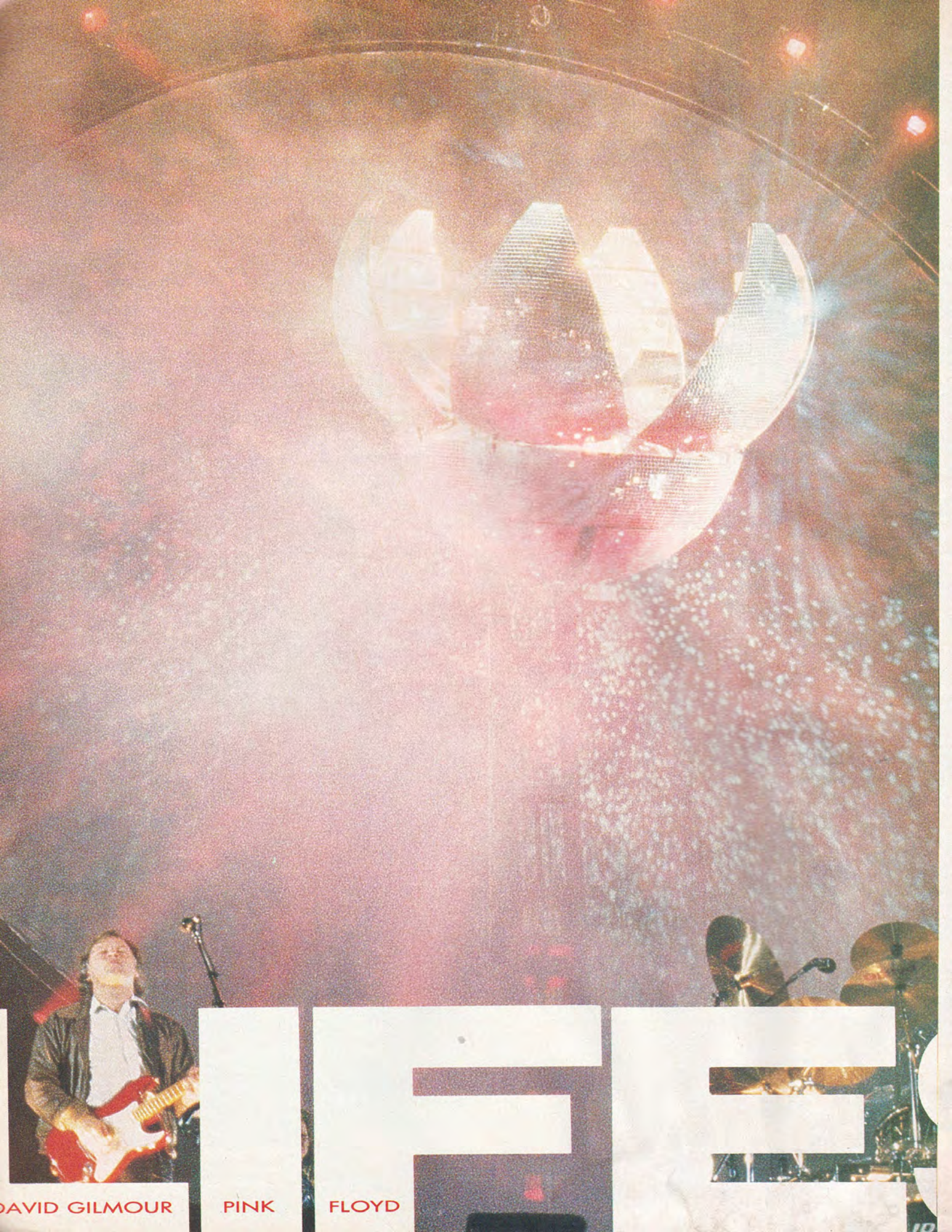
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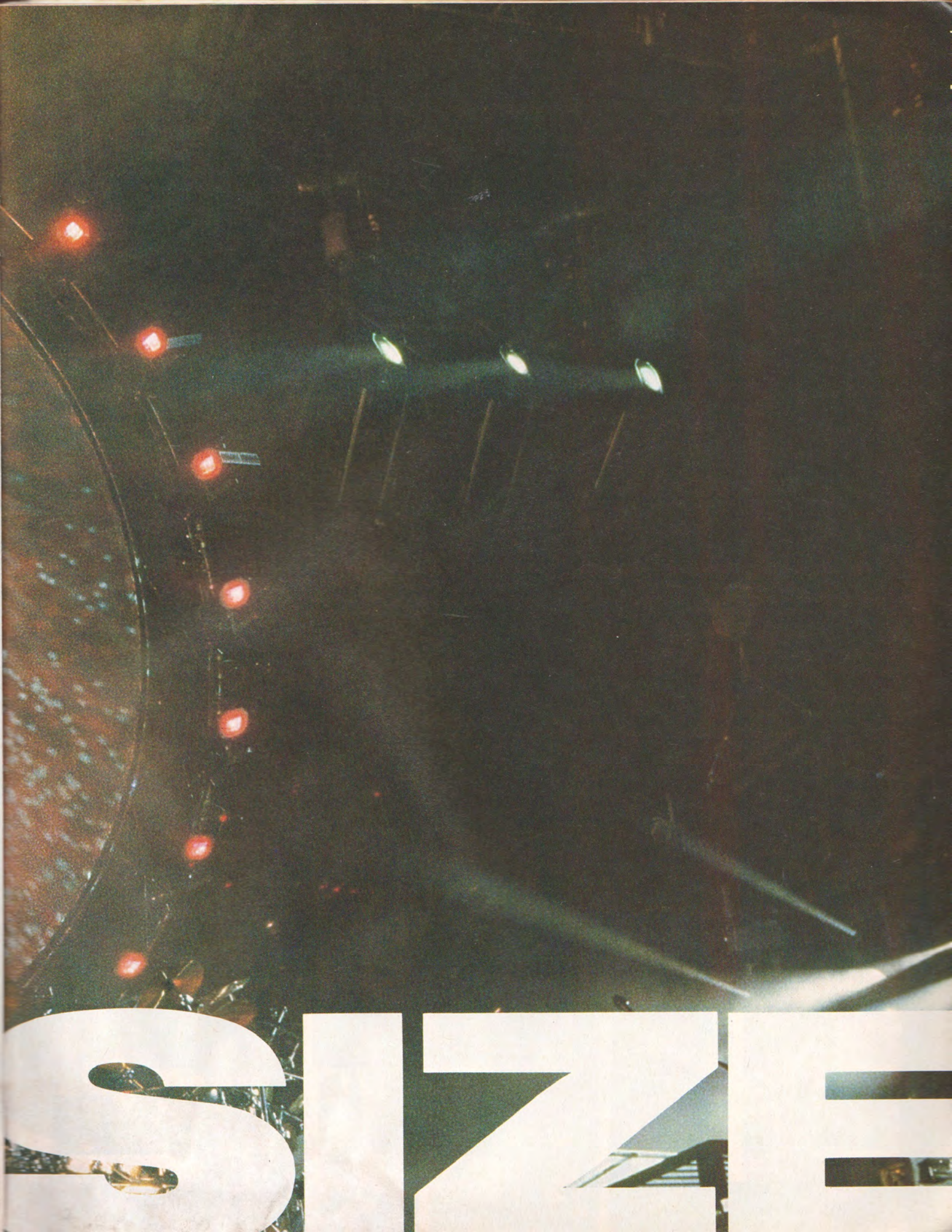


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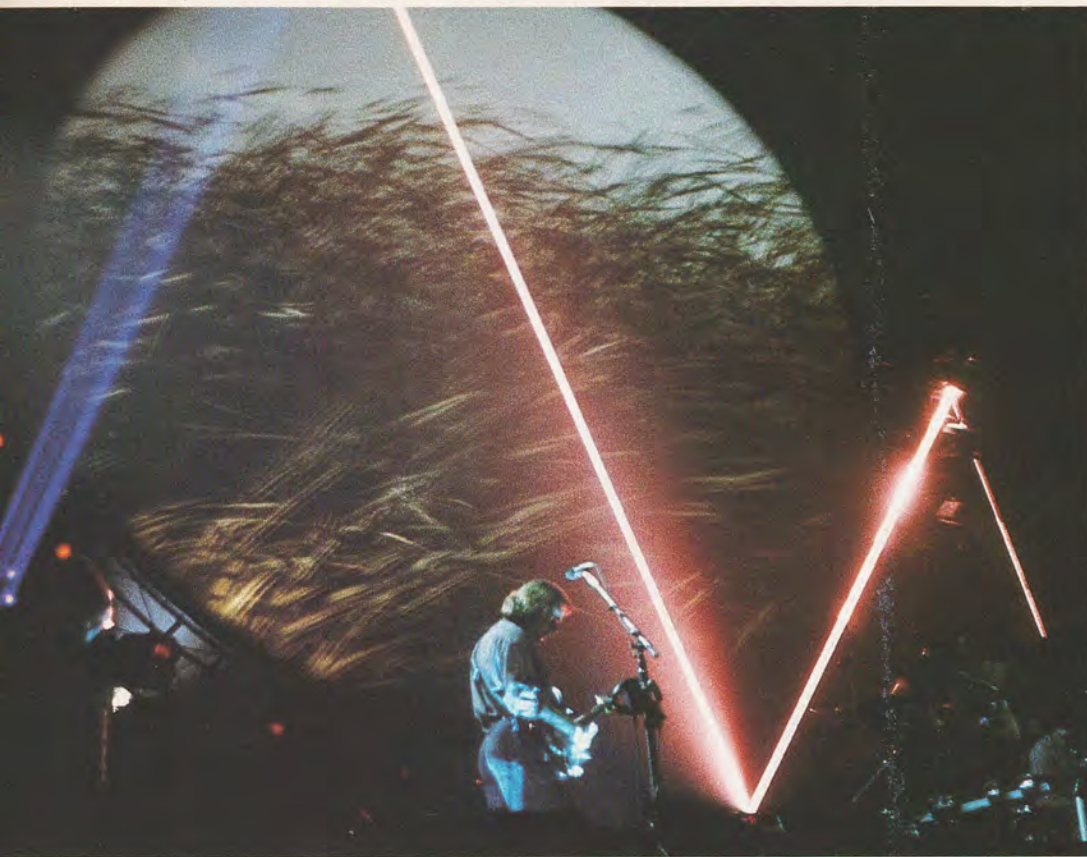
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female voices. "When people ask me what I play I say rock 'n' roll, but that's because I can see it in a much wider view than most people who use that word would allow," says Gilmour. "I spent years singing harmonies and hymns every morning in school. I have an enormous knowledge about how musical shapes fit together. Rock 'n' roll is not a sacred word to me the way it is to some people. I'm simply not prepared to be tied down. I get excited by things I see on television, news stories, space travel, political situations. I can't narrow down my definition of rock 'n' roll. I think of it all as music."

I consider you the Billy Gibbons of England, a person who takes blues into modern sounds and modern times. Some of my favorite moments are when you play shadings of chords underneath and the colorings are obvious. You set yourself up for playing a blue note and make it obvious.

I certainly wouldn't take that as an insult. I, myself, can't be a purist. I like listening to B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughan, but I would never not throw something in just because it was outside of the blues formula. I've never sat down and analyzed the way I make music or the way I want to make music. I

It's nice to diversify the focus of attention, to change and move it away. With the best group in the world you can become boring to people if you take over every moment yourself. A lot of great jamming things have come out of two guys going at each other in a slightly competitive way but loving each other at the same time.

No band has played the football stadiums with such confidence and astute vision as Pink Floyd. Their cinematic vision in live performance, which includes giant floating props, movies which interact with the performers on stage, a mannequin in a bed flying across the stadium, lasers, fog, and robot-like mechanical devices is a majestic confirmation that indeed this is how it should be done. It works so well that every jet or helicopter flying over the stadium with its night lights flashing seems a part of the show. The overall effect was to make the music and not the musicians the focus of attention. You didn't even need to see their faces. Instead the audience was treated to a musical evening of sights and sounds where the individuals aren't larger than life—but the band is.

All was as David Gilmour would have it. The music, rather than personality, was the focus of attention. As founding member Roger Waters has left the group, that music falls almost exclusively to Gilmour, a bluesy, elastic player whose vision of rock encompasses styles of music from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* to a Pete Seeger singalong on social injustice, and whose painterly vision is awash in sustained vibrato notes, saxophone phrasing, pastel strings and

appreciate that other people want to understand more. The process is discovering for yourself something in what other people do. There's part of me that doesn't even want to know about myself in these things. I'm one who is always slightly nervous that if you analyze it too much you'll know too much about what you're doing and lose the spontaneity and turn into something very slick and professional and I don't want to be slick and professional.

When you're young is it easier to have musical blinders on than when you mature?

I think it's the other way around. I think you're much more open to anything when you're young. Unfortunately, the radio formats people get to listen to are so narrow that they don't hear many things. That's the problem. I was lucky to have a very broad base of stuff that the radio played and my parents played and my friends liked. It went through very wide spheres of folk music to show music to old acoustic blues—Leadbelly, Bill Broonzy. *West Side Story* was one of the things I listened to when I was young. My parents had that record. There's a whole musical education in that one album. I was interested in music. Guitar was only a part of it. It's always been a part of it. It's the best way I know how to



express my own music. It's the thing I've become the most proficient on. Learning a wider base of how it's all made, by whatever methods you might use, playing the piano or whatever, is invaluable. The definitions are what hurts music. Being in a slot is something that I hate. It reminds me of *Spinal Tap*.

When you begin on the guitar there are direct and indirect influences. When you make records those influences seem to stop.

My guitar influences have remained as influences and I'm sure there are people who over the years have affected my playing. When I was young it was people like Hank Marvin and Pete Seeger and Leadbelly. Then Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Hendrix. You do get slightly changed by listening to Roy Buchanan, for one, and Eddie Van Halen, for another. It doesn't stop. People just pretend it stops. They don't like to admit they pinch the stuff.

What was so special about people like Marvin, Seeger and Buchanan?

Hank Marvin in the Shadows are a particular thing for English people. They get compared to the Ventures over here. There was something about their particular brand of instrumental music that I loved. Millions of young people in England loved it and most English guitar players could play most of Hank Marvin's solos and tunes. He had a very fluid style, very melodic. Lots of people won't admit to liking it these days. They go up and down in fashionability. Seeger could play anything—12-string, six-string guitars, banjo. He had a great singing voice and seemed to sing about things that were important to him. He was one of the first people who to me was singing about something that mattered. Being about 12 or 13 I didn't even understand his political conviction at the time. He sang it like he really meant it, like it was very important to him, which it obviously was. Conviction is a large part of it. The things I tended to like of Buchanan's were

I could never get used to the fingerbar slide on a regular guitar, so I use all lap steel.

the ones that he expressed a conviction. It tended to be a religious one in his case. It didn't matter what it was, only the fact that it was a conviction for him. "Sweet Dreams" was great.

How developed was your guitar style back when you first joined Pink Floyd?

Not at all, really. I could do a passable Jimi Hendrix interpretation in those days. I'd never made a record. I'd never done an original song, particularly one that had space for the guitar to just play rather than it being a specific concise part



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of something that had been written. Some of those very early attempts on *Saucerful of Secrets* are pretty pathetic. I wouldn't really like to listen to them now. I don't remember exactly when I started being sort of proud of my playing some of the time. I would imagine it was in the early 70s. At the end of "Echoes" is this kind of guitar orchestra going on, about four different parts all joining together to create a sound. I still think that is wonderful. There are hundreds of little moments in our early career that I can point to where I put a little area together and it feels good. For actual guitar solos the first ones that I thought were of any great consequence were on *Dark Side of the Moon*.

How was your confidence level?

Pretty low. I've always been much more confident in my musical knowledge and my understanding of music and harmony and how to get other people, if necessary, to put parts onto a record, to do vocal and musical arrangements on songs. On a lot of our early songs I was not confident with my own actual ability as a guitar player.

What were you doing before Pink Floyd?

I was in a band living in France for a year or so and before that I was in a band in Cambridge. We did everything. It was a cover band that played for dances and college parties. We did all sorts of things—Beach Boys, Four Seasons. The music had big harmonies and guitar soloing was a little break here and there, usually fairly much like they were on the record.



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What was the attraction to join Pink Floyd and why were you offered the gig? The attraction was because they were rich and famous. I was offered the gig because the guys knew me. Syd Barrett, who I replaced, and Roger both came from Cambridge; Pink Floyd, in their earlier incarnations, and my band had done a number of gigs together. They thought I could play the guitar well enough and could sing well enough to take over Syd's role and make it more palatable and keep the thing going for a little while. They thought I was from a similar enough background that we could get along. Did you join for a good opportunity or was this the band for you?

It was a slow process of, first of all, just playing the old songs and making them a bit more palatable. Pink Floyd were very unpalatable outside of certain high cult fashion areas. Before I joined they were dying a death almost everywhere except in these clubs like UFO in London, Middle Earth and places like that. Outside England or Europe audiences were being driven out the door the minute they started to play. I suppose audiences expected to hear the songs on the first album, *Piper at the Gates of Dawn*, and I suppose I had a predilection for trying to play these songs a little more palatably. If Floyd was an amalgamation of five different people, what were you most re-

sponsible for bringing in?

It's hard to pigeonhole it down too much. I suppose I'd have to say the melodic side of things. Melody and harmony. That tends to create a situation where people take that as being the whole of it where it's only part of it. I hate when you get these situations, like in the Beatles, where people say Paul did the melodies and John did the words. John could be just as melodic as Paul and Paul could write some brilliant lyrics when he was in the right frame of mind. I don't think it's possible to take it apart and know exactly which bit comes from where and how and why. You think that is much easier and simpler when you're younger. There are things we don't understand about who does what and why the combination works a certain way, that we don't start realizing until much much later on.

In a tune like "Money," every 24 bars you change your tone. It was subtle but intentional. Do you put as much thought into everything you do?

The thought comes in later. I like to throw stuff around very roughly and put lots of silly things in, be completely undisciplined to start with. I often come up with a good idea out of the lack of discipline and work on disciplining it later while trying not to lose the spark of what you got going. Usually you find when you're screwing around and you discover something great, the rest of the stuff you've just done is unusable. You have to find a way of either playing it again or just keeping little bars and filling in the spaces around it. That's a process that I do in the recording studio usually straight down onto tape. Luckily with the wonders of multi-tracking you can do all sorts of clever tricks with any little moment you might discover you want to hang onto.

Do you have a favorite song to play live?

There are certain types of chord sequences that are nice to blow over that are simple and change around in a fairly predictable way. "Comfortably Numb" and "Sorrow" are great to solo over. There is no key like E for the guitar player if you're going to let yourself be carried away by the music. There are moments when it's very nice to forget about performance and structure and shape and just play. There are some sequences like that on "Sorrow," which maintains an E root while the top chords change through D and C and back up again. Basically you can forget that completely. No key will ever be as good as E. "Comfortably Numb" you can pretty much play in B and forget anything else and let yourself get carried away on the music and blow. "Turning Away" has a slight resolve in it. You actually have to remember and be thinking

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slightly more all the time. Some of them are murder. Sometimes I've been asked to do solos for people on occasion where I just haven't been able to come up because I just haven't been able to let go.

Do you know when the idea works and to let it be?

Not always. That's one good thing about having Bob Ezrin around. For example, the solos on "Turning Away" and "Sorrow" are first day, first take solos which I probably would have changed. Bob left them on there while we were making the record. He was saying, this is where the solo is. Most of "Sorrow" got put down the day after I wrote it. I hadn't even written the middle eight. Because it was on digital tape I could pick up a whole end and insert it. The vocal of the verses, the background guitars, the drum parts and the lead guitar were all done the day it was written and were kept. The solo was done first take with a Steinberger through a little Gallien Krueger and a Fender Super Champ. I never got around to doing it again.

Do you like to work in the room with the amp or the control room?

I like to be in the room with the amp if I can.

Are you selective when it comes to amps?

I spent years with Hi Watt amps. On my last solo tour and this Pink Floyd tour I'm mostly using Fender Twin Reverb IIs. They are 100 watt power amps that Fender brought out about four years ago. I'm toying with trying out my Hi Watts again. I use four 4x12's, two Marshall cabs, two Hi Watt cabs. I don't place as much importance on a lot of that stuff as other people do or maybe as much as I should. Most of my signal goes right through the chain in mono and at the end splits up and one goes through a chorus unit for a very mild chorus—so one stack is straight and one stack slightly chorused. I've always used different choruses but at the moment I'm using a t.c. I have tons of stuff. I'm use a t.c. digital delay these days because it's MIDI. I use one button to set up and the next song will be dead on. Even when we did *The Wall* show we couldn't have that sort of facility. God, it would have made it easier. Basically I use old fashioned little Boss pedals for nearly everything. I also go through a Boogie amp with a dummy speaker load on it, which I use basically like a fuzz box. I can just press a button and go through it and go into the power amps after that. That's one fuzz. I have Boss graphics and compressors. At the beginning of this tour I had a rig with tons of more modern gizmos in it but I get suspicious of the simplicity of the line. I like there to be a simple line where I can

duck something into the guitar going into the amplifier. I will go for any amount of gizmos and effects, but I like the basic line to go direct and then you duck out of it and throw something back into it. Then I can always know that my level structures are working. I put it before the amp. I did have a bunch of stuff with extra splitters and remixes together but I felt suspicious about it all the time. I am an incessant dabbler. I have no qualms whatsoever about using any guitar or effect that happens to take my fancy at any given moment. I don't know what I'm looking for half the time.

Do you know the different voices of your guitars?

Yes, I look at a guitar and when I want a

certain sound I'll pick up a certain guitar. Guitars are very strange things. You plug one into an amplifier one day and it sounds brilliant. You plug the same guitar into the same amp the next day and it sounds awful. The one that yesterday sounded awful sounds great today. So I usually have quite a lot of guitars in the studio.

When you solo are you thinking of the guitar as a voice?

Some are singing, some aren't. If you take "Comfortably Numb," there is one designed solo in the middle and the other one at the end comes from a completely different place. The one at the end is blowing. That's a good example of where I've done both on one track.

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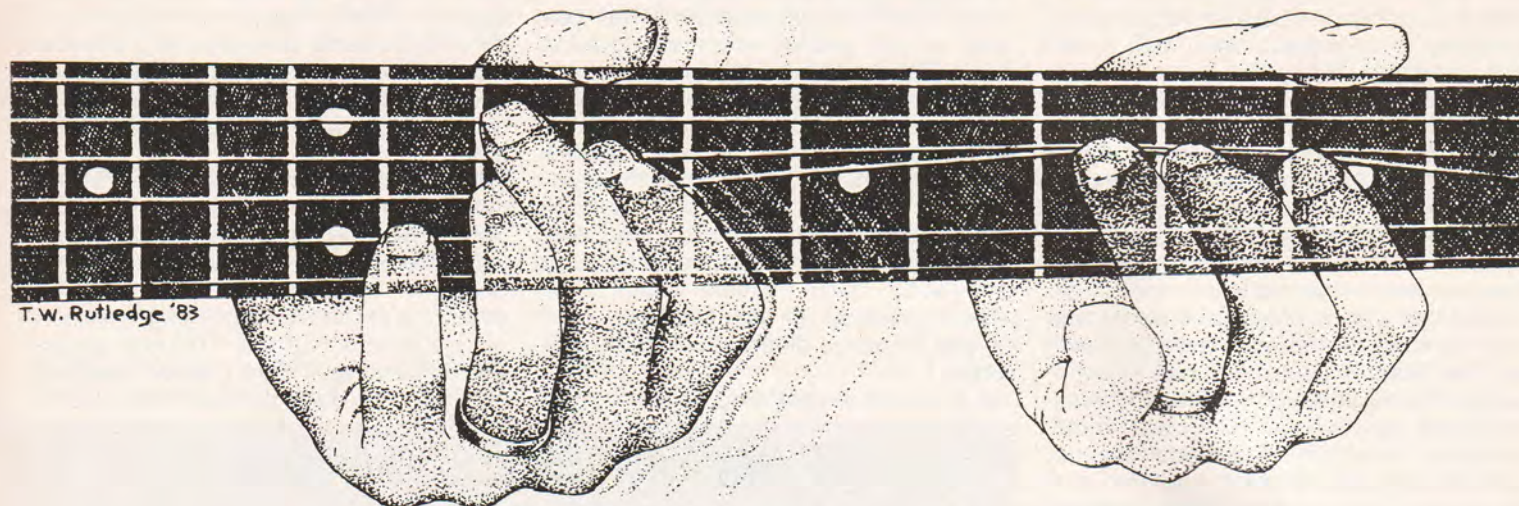
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One of your many voices is slide guitar, which you use in a way that you almost can't tell it's a slide guitar.

The first thing I can remember about using the slide guitar is that I could never get used to the fingerbar slide on a regular guitar. It never appealed to me very much. But I always like the idea of a pedal steel type thing, so I use all lap steel. The first thing I can remember is "One of These Days" on the *Mettle* album. It's really a matter of inventing a tuning that seems to suit you. Obviously you're limited on an instrument like that by the fact that you can't make the different shapes. You've just got one straight bar. I've actually got two or three different tunings that I use on the slide. One must be a

straight open Em chord. That's for "One of These Days." The other, that I currently use on "Grating in the Sky" and on a number of other things, is a combination tuning. It's got the top four strings of a guitar the same—E,B,G,D—and then the bottom two would complete the G chord as B and D. You've got the top three strings of an Em chord and the top five strings of a G or an Em7 if you want to use the top four. You can use minors or majors on the guitar just by jumping across the string and moving your position.

Another trademark is your instrumental work.

I have a cassette tape at home of guitar instrumentals. "Diamond Dust" is on it along with "Cause We've Ended as Lovers," "Final Peace," something by Ritchie Blackmore, a couple of Roy Buchanans, two of my own. It's not only guitars, it's instrumentals.

Was "Let's Get Metaphysical" your answer to "Diamond Dust"?

Yeah. I love beautiful, orchestral, classical-like music. That's great fun to play guitar over. "Let's Get Metaphysical" was very influenced, not directly tipped at anything by Jeff Beck; it's more directly tipped toward something classical.

Do you write an instrumental because it should be just that?

Sometimes you just don't know at the beginning. "Terminal Frost" is very similar to what it was as a demo. But there was a long period of time where I thought I might get words for it and turn it into a song. In the end it decided for itself that it would remain the way it was. "Let's Get Metaphysical" was always going to be an instrumental.

Do you still practice the guitar, or is it just a vehicle for creativity?

I don't really practice guitar. It's the only thing I know where I can express myself live, going out. I tend to pick up a guitar and doodle on it every day. If I haven't got a guitar in my room for a few days I definitely start getting withdrawal symptoms and start looking around the room for it.

Have you put double coils in your Stratocasters?

The ones I'm using at the moment have EMG's in them, which are active electronics with a midrange boost to make them sound a bit like humbuckers. I haven't used humbucking pickups very much. On my last solo tour I used a load of guitars, mostly because of having to use several different

tunings. On this tour I'm only using one guitar all the way through the show. I'm not using any different tunings apart from one acoustic 12-string. The rest is a Fender Stratocaster with EMG pickups and a standard tremolo bar. I don't like any of the locking nut things. I don't like losing my flexibility of playing with the tuning. I've used various bits of other things like bits of a Dive Bomb kit to try and improve the tuning. You get a carbon fiber nut and a little carbon fiber to hold the strings down above the head and little roller bridge pieces. Basically I work with a regular Strat tremolo unit until it works as efficiently as it can. As far as acoustic guitars, the Takamines are really good. In the studio I've got a Martin and a Gibson J-200.

One of your trademarks is going from the tremolo on your left hand to the bar interchangeably.

Hank Marvin did exclusively wang bar vibrato, very subtly and very nicely. Eric Clapton and a few other people did very nice left hand vibrato. I guess one day I'd be Hank Marvin and the next day I'd be Eric. Gradually the two sort of met in the middle without any particular intent of doing that. I hate the finger vibrato that young kids do, that's fashionable today. It's too unsubtle when they go way sharp. It's not me at all.

I've noticed your song structures often feature all the singing and then you blow at the end.

Yes, that is a sort of Pink Floyd formula. I personally get uncomfortable going out on choruses. I tend to avoid it. We didn't quite do it on "One Slip," which was going that way. In the end we did a chorus and then went out with an instrumental. To me that is so much the pop formula that I tend to try to avoid it.

The medium slow tempo is also one of your pleasures, as are minor keys.

It's down to taste. There are some frantic fast things that I do. I don't write them very often. I've got one scorcher but I haven't managed to find a place for it yet. It's hard to analyze, but I definitely write much more in the minor key than I write in a major key.

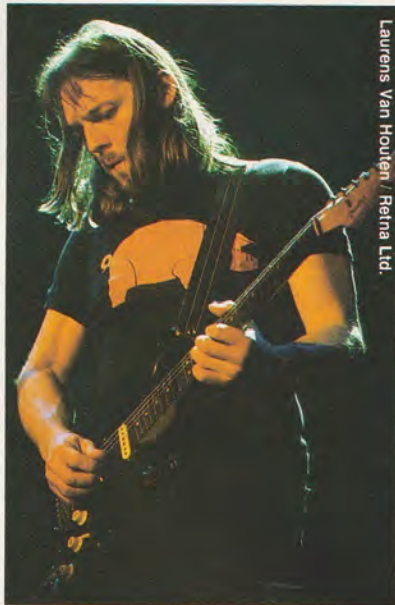
There are three other elements that often crop up in Pink Floyd songs: strings, saxophones and female voices. What are their roots in the band?

We've had girls singing since '72 or '73. I'd feel quite lost without it. I didn't have girls on my solo tour; we had four or five guys with great voices in the band. The saxophone cropped up to broaden our base. It's a different tone, a different instrument, a different feel. It's nice to diversify the focus of attention, to change and move it away. Particularly when I'm going solo or nowadays without Roger in the band, I need change of focus more. With the best group in the world you can become boring to people if you take over every moment yourself. I find it an invaluable part of recording and particularly in live work to have things that take away the focus. If you're the only

person on stage playing solos, where's the challenge? There is an element of challenge and of competition when you play to match up against other people. A lot of the great solo jamming things have come out of two guys going at each other in

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We don't need no ed - u - ca - tion.

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No dark sar - casm in the class - room.

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Teach - er, leave_ them kids a - lone...

sl.

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④ 5fr. G G Dm C Dm

Hey! Teach - er! Leave the kids a - lone!_ (2nd time) Hey! Teach - er! Leave us kids a - lone!_

(Both gtrs.)

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All in all_ you're just an - oth - er brick in the wall...

H

F C Dm

3

All in all_ you're just an - oth - er brick in the wall...

2. D5

wall.

Guitar solo

Dm C

P Full Full Full 2

f

P Full Full Full 2

13 12 10 12 10 13 (13) 10 10 10 13 13

Dm C Dm C

grad. release

P Full P rake H

(13) (13) 13 10 12 12 10 9 9 12 10 10 10 10 10 10 12 10

sl. H

[illegible]

BASS LINE FOR ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL, PART TWO

As Recorded by Pink Floyd
(From the album THE WALL/Columbia Records)

Words and Music by Roger Waters

Tune down:
④ = D

1st, 2nd Verses
Dm

1.2. We don't need no ed - u - ca - tion (etc) *mf*

G

Dm C Dm F C

D5 F C Dm

2.
D5

Guitar solo
Dm C Dm

3 5 | 5 5 0 0 3 || 5 3 5 | 5 5 0 0 3 | 0 3 5

Musical notation for the bass line of 'The Girl on the Train'. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The notation consists of a single staff with a bass clef. Above the staff, the chords C, Dm, C, Dm, and Dm9 are indicated. The notes are: C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (half). The notes are grouped into measures by bar lines. The first measure contains C4, B3, and A3. The second measure contains G3, F3, and E3. The third measure contains D3 and C3. The fourth measure contains C4, B3, and A3. The fifth measure contains G3, F3, and E3. The sixth measure contains D3 and C3. The notes are written in a simple, clear style.

5 3 5 5 0 3 5 5 3 5

Dm C/D

5 5 0 3 0 3 5 5 3 5 % 5 5 0 0 3

B♭/D C/D N.C. (w/ad lib vocal) 16

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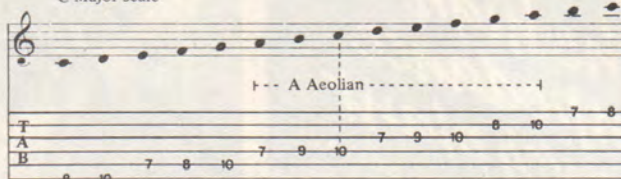
Undoubtedly, Randy Rhoads has been the most influential guitarist of the last eight years, forging a style and an approach that has been continued and expanded upon by countless guitarists. It is very sad that he did not live long enough to fully develop his style past its initial innovative stages. In my opinion Randy's great strength was his ability to combine a technically developed approach focusing on a complete knowledge of scales and modes, with highly energetic, emotional performances, delivered with flawless articulation. Many guitarists lose the emotional side of their playing by emphasizing strictly technically accurate playing, making the music sound slick but lifeless. This was not the case with Randy; most of his solos have an inherent tension and release quality that makes them breathe, bringing the music to a much higher level. This month we're going to focus on examples of his soloing which showcase the primary elements of his style.



The mode which Randy seemed to use most often was Aeolian, also known as natural minor. This mode is derived from the major scale, starting from the sixth tone and continuing up in the same series of half and whole steps. A different mode can be derived from each tone of the major scale; starting from the sixth tone creates what is known as the

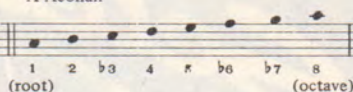
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C Major scale

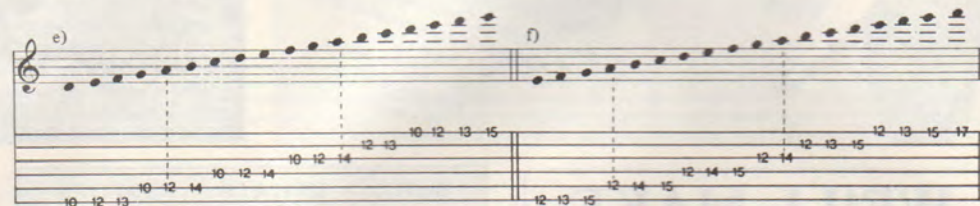
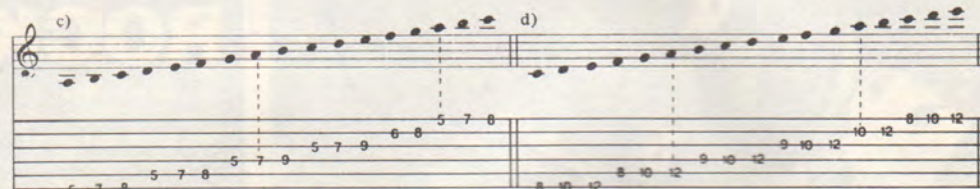
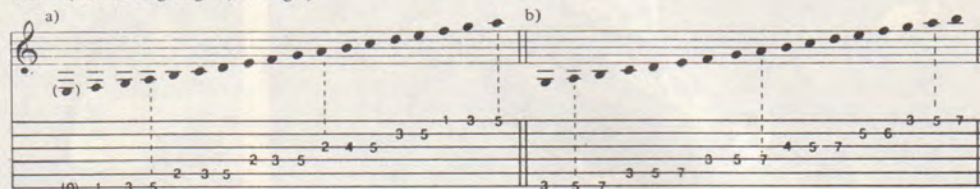


Staff 1A

A Aeolian

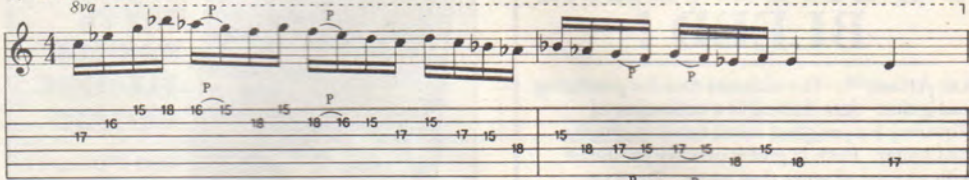


Staff 2 (start all fingerings w/1st finger)

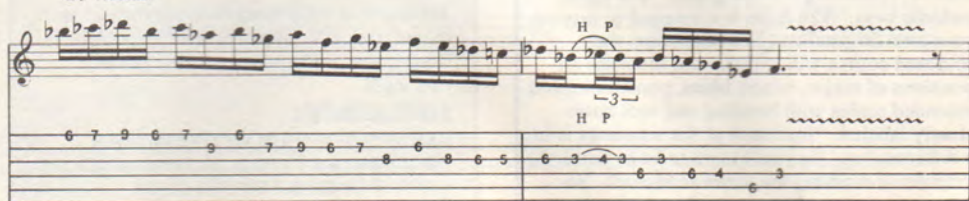


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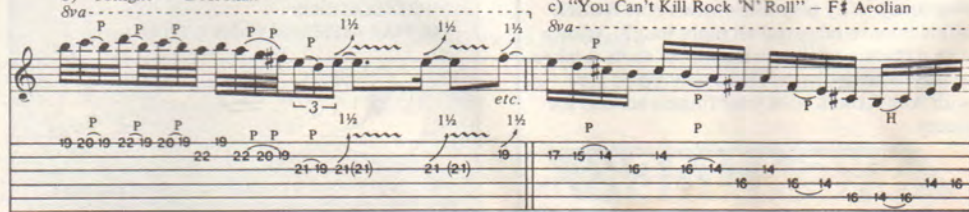
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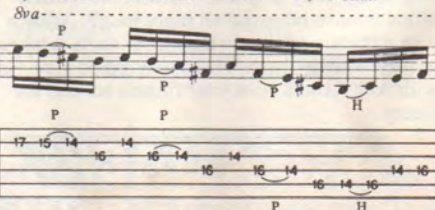
Eb Aeolian



b) "Tonight" - E Aeolian



c) "You Can't Kill Rock 'N' Roll" - F# Aeolian



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Staff 4

Staff 4 illustrates an exercise based on E Aeolian designed to build up the strength in your fret hand. To emphasize legato phrasing even more, hammer-on instead of picking notes that are on the same string as previous notes.

Staff 5 a) "Flying High Again"

Staff 5a illustrates a solo from "Flying High Again" and "Crazy Train" solos. See Staff 5.

Staff 5 b) "Crazy Train" - F# Pent. minor & F# Aeolian

Staff 5b illustrates a riff from "Believer."

Staff 6 "Believer" - E Pent. minor

Staff 6 illustrates a riff from "Believer."

Staff 7 C

Staff 7 illustrates a riff from "Believer."

Staff 8 Bb

Staff 8 illustrates a riff from "Believer."

sixth mode of the major scale or Aeolian. See Staff 1, illustrating how A Aeolian is derived from the C major scale. Staff 1A illustrates the intervals of Aeolian. The difference between the Aeolian mode and the major scale is that the third, sixth and seventh intervals of the major scale are lowered one half step to create the Aeolian mode. Staff 2 illustrates six fingerings of A Aeolian which should be memorized and transposed to all twelve keys (vertical dotted lines indicate root notes and octaves).

Some great examples of Randy's use of Aeolian can be found in his guitar solos from "Over the Mountain," "Tonight" and "You Can't Kill Rock 'n' Roll." Staff 3 illustrates examples from these solos; notice the similarities and differences in the fingerings used.

Randy was known for legato phrasing utilizing hammer-ons and pull-offs extensively. Staff 4 illustrates an exercise based on E Aeolian designed to build up the strength in your fret hand. To emphasize legato phrasing even more, hammer-on instead of picking notes that are on the same string as previous notes.

Randy often combined Aeolian with pentatonic minor, such as on his "Flying High Again" and "Crazy Train" solos. See Staff 5.

Another technique Randy often used was playing sextuplets within the pentatonic minor scale, similar to Jimmy Page and Johnny Winter. See Staff 6, illustrating a riff from "Believer."

The outro solo for "Mr. Crowley" features some excellent soloing utilizing the F major scale, which sounds great over the chord changes. The accent is again on legato phrasing; it will probably take some effort to play these phrases smoothly and evenly. See Staff 7.

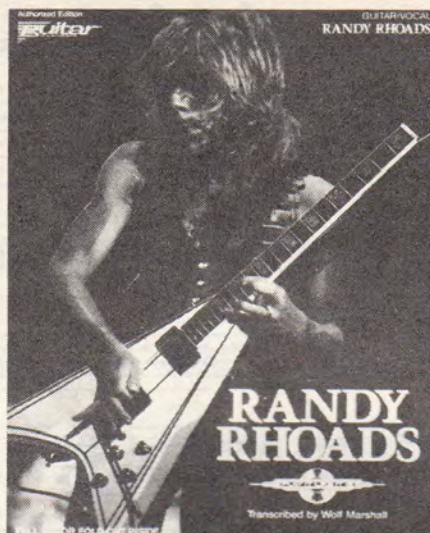
When dealing with a player of Randy's magnitude it is impossible to cover every aspect of his style within one column. Focusing on his most commonly used soloing techniques as we have should definitely broaden your understanding of his musical ideas as well as increase your ability to recreate and expand on them. In a future column we'll examine other aspects of his soloing as well as his rhythm playing and overdubbing techniques. See you next month.

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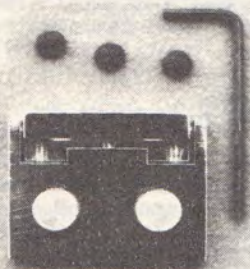
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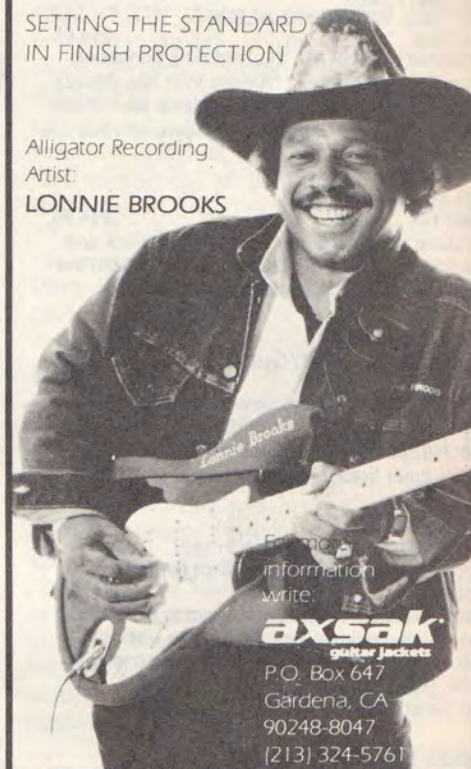
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tem. The neck and middle pickups are wired to a three-position either-or-both switch and the output from the other pickup at another either-or-both switch. This method allows all possible combinations of pickups. If you put the extra switch in place of an existing volume or tone control you will leave your guitar uncut while adding another switch. While this does not qualify because it adds more switches, the most popular way to control three pickups in a Paul is to replace the original selector switch with three mini-switches hooked up as on-off switches for each pickup. This does require widening the old switch hole a bit, but the damage can be confined to the area covered by the plastic rhythm/treble plate, allowing you to change back to stock without showing any traces. I am sure you could come up with many more variations for wiring a Les Paul for three pickups. Consider using push-pull pots and the possibilities multiply. Push-pull pots are pots with a built-in switch, allowing you to double the utility of an individual control-hole.

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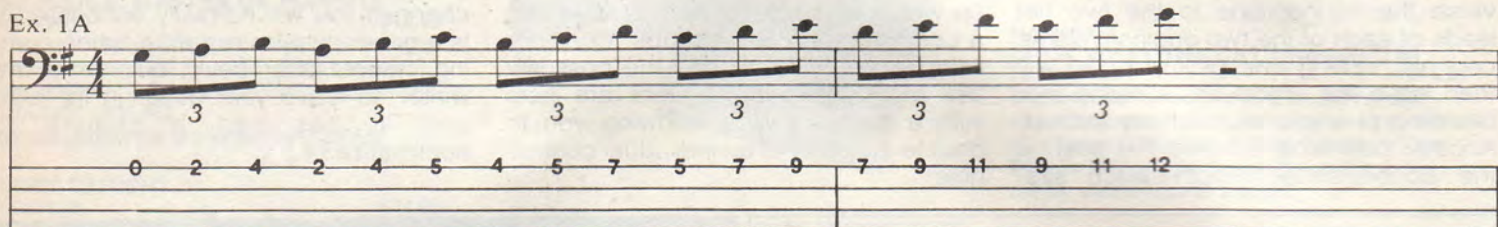


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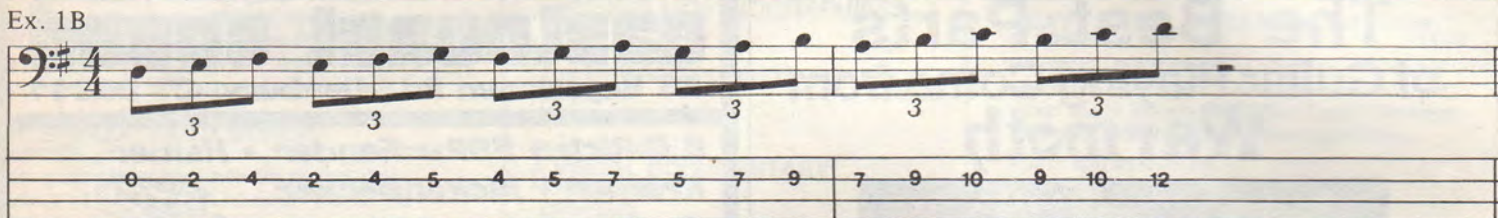
By Randy Coven

With a four string bass guitar it is impossible to get higher notes by going across the neck on the two extra strings the guitar has. Learning your scales on one string will enable you to get all the way up the neck to reach those notes. Ex. 1A is a G major scale on the G string in triplets. Ex. 1B is the same G major scale starting on the open D string. Examples 1A and 1B are excellent finger exercise. If you run those two scales simultaneously you would have the G scale in thirds all the way up the neck. See Ex 2. This technique can help you come up with imaginative bass parts. For example, you can take a simple rhythm that has two notes and harmonize it with 3rds, 5ths, 7ths etc. and come up with a much more musical bass part. In Ex 3, in the first bar I have the root E to D; the second bar is a harmony a 3rd higher; the third bar is a harmony a 5th higher, and the 4th bar is a harmony a major 7th higher. This can work for scales and more complicated bass parts and melodies. Ex. 4 is a more flowing bass line using these concepts.

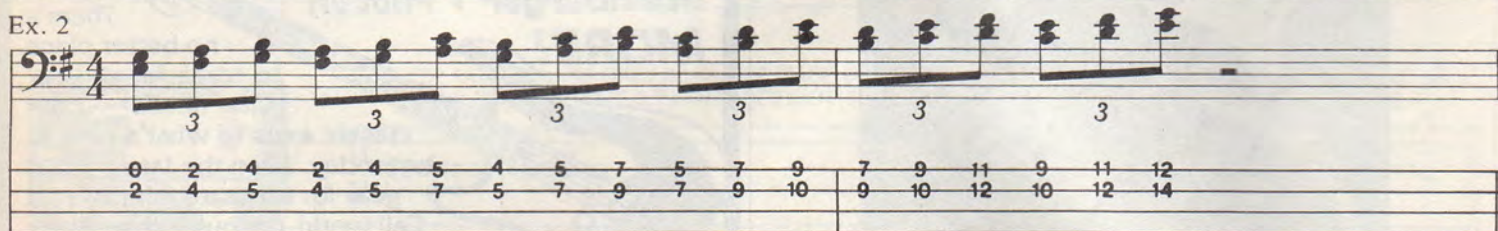
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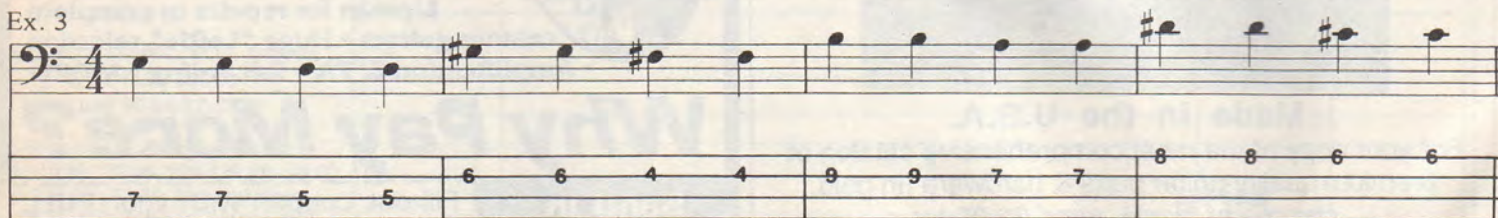
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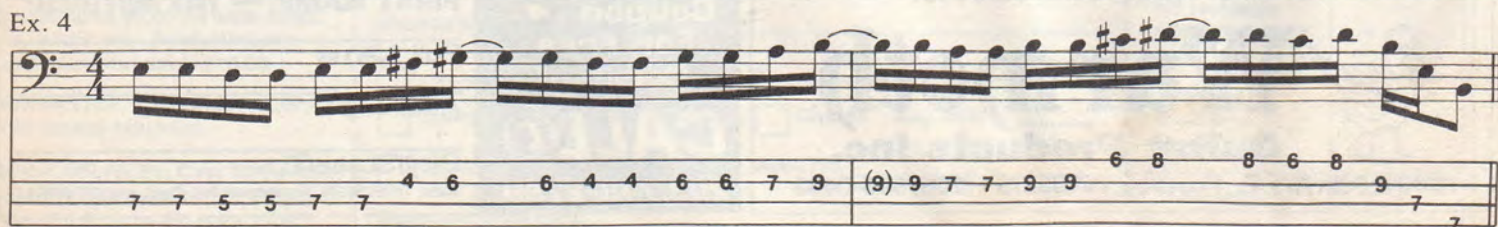
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Ex. 3



Ex. 4



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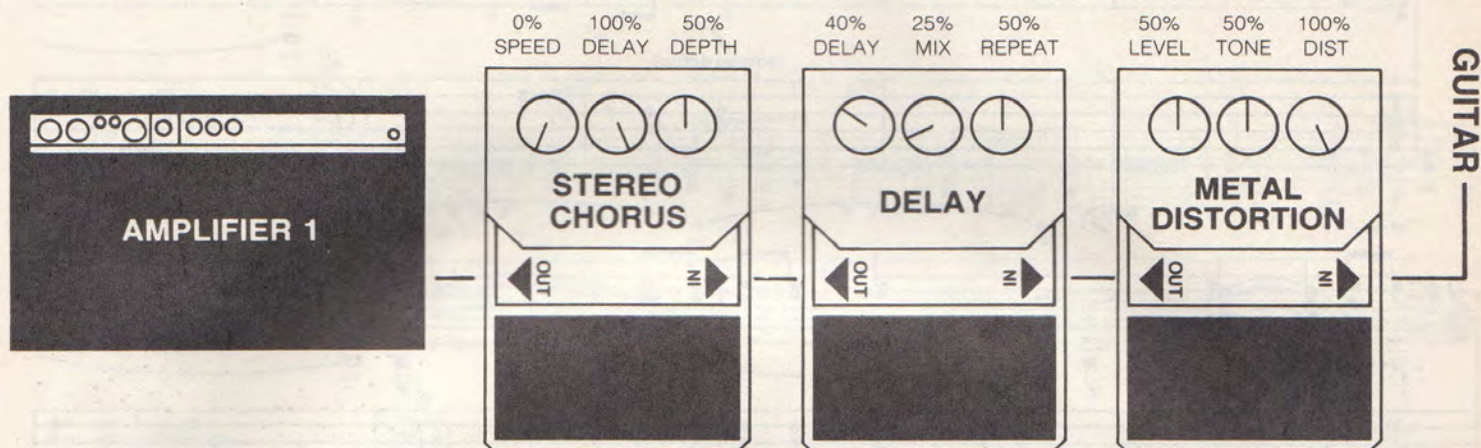
"QUEEN OF THE REICH"

by Dean Stubbs

Guitarists Chris DeGarmo and Michael Wilton were teenagers when they recorded this classic metal tune which would give the band its name. The solo from the song is a straightforward distortion sound. It is double tracked with a harmony line for the first few bars and then reverts to a solo guitar line. The

basic metal distortion sound is accomplished by turning up the distortion full blast. Although the sound has a lot of distortion in it, it is neutrally equalized, so no presence is added. The level through the pedal is, of course, balanced in-to-out. Next in the setup I would use a delay pedal to thicken the sound and add the bulk of the distortion feel. Set the mix for just a little delay (about 25%). The delay control should be set for a small amount of delay at about 40%. The number of repeats will not be heard past the first one or two

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C5 D5 E5 B5 C5 D5 E5 B5 C5 D5 E5 B5 C5 D5

pick slides

sl.

2

P.M. ----- 4 P.M. --- 4 P.M. ----- 4

sl.

2

sl.

E5 (Both gtrs.) B5 C5 D5 E5 B5 C5

P.M. ----- 4 P.M. --- 4 P.M. ----- 4

1st Verse

E5 D C#5 D5 E5

In the dead of night she'll come and take you a - way, sear - ing beams of light

Rhy. Fig. 1

P.M. ----- 4 P.M. ----- 4 P.M. ----- 4 P.M. --- 4 P.M. ----- 4 P.M. ----- 4 P.M. ----- 4

sl.

sl.

w/Rhy. Fig. 1 (3 times)

D C#5 D5 A5 E5 D C#5 D5 E5 D C#5 D5 A5

— and thun - der. O - ver black-ened planes - she will find — her way. —

(end Rhy. Fig. 1)

P.M. ----- 4 P.M. --- 4

sl.

sl.

E5 D C#5 D5 E5 D C#5 D5 A5

Fly-ing high through the night, she will hide_ your fate as she takes your soul_ from un - der,

E5 D C#5 D5 E5 D C#5 D5 A5

and the blind - ing light_ as the cas - tle fades._

Rhy. Fig. 2 Pre-chorus C D5

There is no es - cape, _____ it's the

(end Rhy. Fig. 2) E5 B5 C5 D5

end - ing of your_ pre - cious life. _____

P.M. ---- 4 P.M. -- 4 P.M. ---- 4 sl.

4 4 5 5 5 7 5 3 0 3 5

E5 B5 C5 D5 w/Rhy. Fig. 2 C D5

Your soul slipped a - way, _____

P.M. ---- 4 P.M. -- 4 P.M. ---- 4

4 4 5 5 7 7 7 5 5 5 0

Chorus 2nd time to Coda E5 B5 C5 D5 E5 B5

it be - longs. . . Queen of the Reich! _____

P.M. ---- 4 P.M. -- 4 P.M. ---- 4 P.M. ---- 4 P.M. -- 4 P.M. ---- 4

4 4 5 5 5 7 5 3 0 3 5 4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

C5 E5 B5 C5 D5 E5 B5 C5

The Queen of the Reich, _____ yeah!— She's com-in' for you!—

P.M. ---- 4 P.M. --- 4 P.M. ---- 4

Bridge

Gtr. II E5 Rhy. Fig. 3A

D5 C

You're fad - ing a - way, _____ your life cast _____ a -

Gtr. I Rhy. Fig. 3

H H

A5 B5 A5 G5 F# E (end Rhy. Fig. 3A)

stray, a vic - tim the beast shall ob - tain. _____

let ring

(end Rhy. Fig. 3)

P

w/Rhy. Fig. 3 & 3A

E5 D5 C

The light will not shine _____ and you'll die to-night at her

A5 B5 A5 G5 F# E

shrine, and black is the last thing you'll see. _____

Guitar solo

Gtr. III

E5

D5

Gtr. I

Gtr. II

C

A5

B5

Full

8va

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E5 D C#5 D5 A5 E5 D C#5 D5

— of dy-ing fill your head. — It's the sign of the cross — that you'll find — a - head. —

E5 D C#5 D5 A5 E5 D C#5 D5 E5

— You know, no one will an - swer, the light is fad - ing a - way. —

D C#5 D5 A5 E5 D C#5 D5 E5 D C#5 D5 A5

— Cap - tive souls are scream-ing out — in pain. —

D.S. al Coda

Coda E5 B5 C5 D5 E5 B5 C5

— You're fad - ing a - way, —

Rhy. Fig. 4 — — — — —

P.M. 4 P.M. 4 P.M. 4

w/Rhy. Fig. 4 (2 times) E5 B5 C5 D5 E5 B5 C5

— no, — no, — no! — The Queen of the Reich! —

E5 B5 C5 D5 E5 B5 C5

— You're slip - ping a - way, — yeah! —

w/Rhy. Fig. 4 (1st 2 bars only)
E5 B5

C5 D5 E5 B5 C5/G E5

— The Queen of the Reich! —

P.M. 4 P.M. 4

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from it. I'll use it on the road in a limited form this year. I'm still in the midst of learning how to manipulate it. It's in control of me right now. It's winning. When I get to the point where I'm winning and I know how to manipulate it and make it do what I want to do then I will have reached a new level. Right now I feel overwhelmed by it and a little nervous. I don't understand it.

In the past you learned from each other guitarwise by doubling each other's parts. Did that happen on MIND CRIME?

CHRIS: We have very different styles for everything. Michael plays me stuff and I can always expect to think it's weird. I learn from it. We can both adapt to each other's music very easily. I wrote most of the songs that have double solos on them, with the exception of "Revolution Calling." I worked that out with him. "Speak" has a guitar pattern during the verses that is a very rapid staccato picking thing. It was such a strange pattern when he showed it to me. We both play exactly the same pattern through the verse. It's something I wouldn't have come up with.

MICHAEL: On this album we're both really compatible. He had to learn the mighty staccato riffing of Wilton. But I'm not too overboard and he is not too Floydishly bendy.

How important is sound to creating?

MICHAEL: It's really important. If you're not comfortable with your sound it's always going to be in the back of your head that it doesn't sound right. Once you have your sound everything flows like a river down to the ocean.

CHRIS: The composition end wasn't sound inspired, it was, give me my guitar and my home amp and we'll make bogus-sounding demos that everybody else will be able to relate to. It was a headphone environment. We had been diligently working on our sounds for this album, trying to get a better guitar sound, meaning clear, clean, big and aggressive sounding. We wanted it readable and not distorted. I don't think we had what we wanted before this. At the time we did the *Rage* album we thought, this is where our guitar sounds are at for this year. On this album we took the measures to improve them. We got different guitars and worked on them and set them up differently. We physically worked on the amps. Once in the studio the sounds coming out of the amps inspired us to change the music. For instance, there is a segue on side two called "Electric Requiem." I'm doing the guitar solo after Geoff says "Turn the current on," and that line was the total inspiration for that solo section. I wanted a totally out of control guitar sound that sounded like it was on the verge of

blowing up. I didn't have any part written, I didn't know what I was going to do. All I knew was when he said "Turn the current on," that's just what I wanted to do and have this sound like it was going to blow up. We got this sound and that inspired the performance. What re-

goes back to the raw sound. My favorite sound is the solo on "Revolution Calling." I used an ADA Pitchtrack and put it slightly out of tune. It came out kind of like a wild chorus sound but still real tight. It's kind of like a Leslie organ type sound. The rest of the song is straight

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sulted on tape was a direct result from the sound that we got.

MICHAEL: We're perfectionists at heart. You can only go so far. We want a good sound, so everybody has got to monkey with their stuff to get it. If it means changing tubes or trying a different cabinet or using an effect to boost something, we try them all. It usually

ahead and the solo jumps out.

Let's talk guitars.

CHRIS: I switched to E.S.P. guitars because they're better. I use a Strat style body and piece them together. This is the first set of guitars that Michael and I own where we got to pick everything, from the wood to the shape. I use a Strat style Ash body, one pickup,

Ebony fretboard, jumbo frets. We have different tastes in headstocks. Michael likes the banana stock, I like the Tele stock. I have Floyd Rose gear, Duncan pickups. Michael is using a Jackson Ceramic and I've got an EMG. The pickups come and go depending on what we're

went with Ash by experimenting. They add a very fat sound.

MICHAEL: I like E.S.P. guitars a lot. We both agreed upon E.S.P. but it didn't have to go that way. I like the alder bodies; they sound a lot better than maple. The quality and construction and

weird, but you can do the exact same thing to two amps and only one of them sounds right. That's my model amp to try and gauge all this other stuff. Michael spent a great deal of time as well on his setup. We sit there and rip each other off. I come in with something that's cool and Michael says, I think I'll do that too. Michael comes in with a hot piece of gear and I say, that's cool. We heard some interesting ADA setups for very clean raw power for the source and an exterior preamp to run it.

MICHAEL: We tried some Groove Tubes and we had them biased to hum properly. We put them in Marshall amps. We use digital effects—they're quieter. I like the Alesis Microverb. The sound is great. I want to check out the new Digi-tech ESP 128. It has three effects on at the same time, 16 byte. I want to check the new Preamp by ADA.

CHRIS: The new stuff that's great now is the t.c. electronics 2290. The stuff that's coming out digital that's 16 byte true resolution is really exciting. It's eliminating all the bogus echo units that destroy some of the natural sound coming out of things. For instance, there's the Alesis Midi and Micro Verbs, which are great stuff. Everything we've been accumulating is digital and at least all 16 bytes. This new Roland sampler I picked up, is the S-550, which MIDIs into Geoff, who's got an S-50. The S-550 is the gear that's winning the battle right now. I'm going to take it on the road but I'm not in control of it yet. Hopefully I can pull into the manual and sort it out. One thing we tried to do with this record was make it a very rootsy street thing. It's a raw record for us. There's not a great deal of guitar effects. We just switched instruments. For the acoustic I scored an old Martin which is a pride and joy of mine. Right before we went into the studio I found some guy giving away something he didn't know he had. It was a '67 Martin D-1235. I paid \$650, a healthy sum for it, but certainly not what it was worth. It was made from Brazilian rosewood, which they stopped using the year after that.

It seems every electric band loves acoustic guitar. Was "Waiting for 22" written with the acoustic in mind?

CHRIS: I wrote it. It's got an acoustic with electric underneath. I was using a lap steel slide for the slide effects. That was also off the cuff, inspirational. I had this acoustic piece I had played for the guys. They said, slap it on and let's see what happens with it. I didn't know what I was going to do with it. When we were recording in Montreal we had gone down to this record store one day because I needed a string and here's this 1952 Gibson lap slide thing that looked like your grandfather's uke. It looked like



doing. None of our guitars will have the same pickups. But this is the first time that we actually asked for a guitar specifically, right down to binding on the fretboard, and somebody made us the guitar that we wanted. I've got quite a few guitars that consist of different types of wood, and just the wood alone creates different textures in the sound. I

the fretboard is there.

How did you alter your amps?

CHRIS: We were looking for more scream out of the amp. Our Marshalls are the '59 series, very hard, clean sounding amps for our taste. They're not super distortion. We added an extra preamp stage. I've done the same thing to two amps but one of them took it. It's

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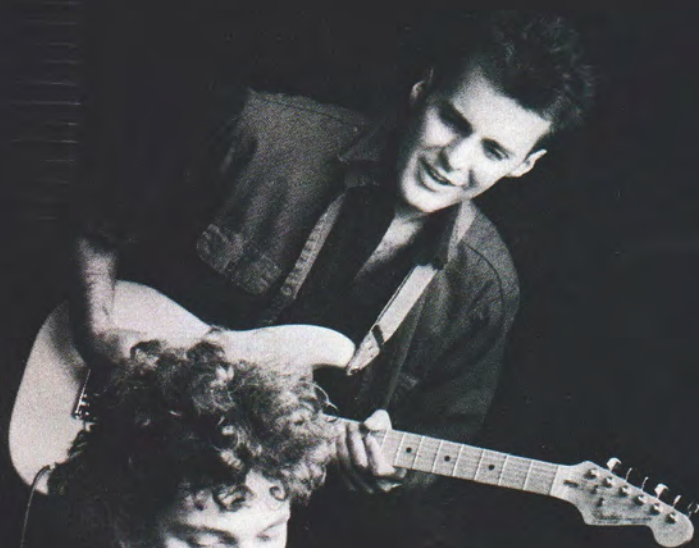
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something somebody had thrown away because it had rotted in their attic. We had talked loosely about doing some sort of lap slide thing. Everybody was keen on it. We brought it back more as a joke. We plugged it in and Paul Northfield, our engineer, said, let's plug it into the Marshall and slap some things on it, and there I was with this lap steel and a wooden slide and I barely had ever played slide guitar. I'd certainly never played something sitting on my lap. That instrument inspired that slide section on "Waiting for 22." That was completely ad-libbed, inspired by the moment and pieced together over 20 minutes.

Have there been any sounds from other guitarists in the last year and a half that intrigued you?

CHRIS: From an inspirational standpoint, Trevor Rabin has been someone who I've been listening to diligently for his creative use of different textures and layers. He is not in the same genre as me. He is doing a whole separate thing, but I'm a big fan of what he's doing with his guitar. My guitar doesn't sound anything like Trevor Rabin's, but within trying to create different sounds for different songs and a different texture to capture an attitude, he's been inspiring. 90125 was a heavy listen for me from a guitar standpoint when it came out. On the new one, *Big Generator*, the first six songs are particularly hot but the rest pales for me. From our genre perspective we're trying to be uniquely derivative. We're not trying to sound like anybody else, but it's great when you can have a sound and someone goes, that's them. I don't know if we're there yet. We're sort of chameleons. Our thing has been changing with each time. I don't have the guitar sound I had in '83 when this band formed. I think that's good.

MICHAEL: I agree with Chris about Trevor Rabin. I love listening to Yes. He blatantly uses 5ths and 3rds, having the machine do it. Having that machine edgy sound influenced me because it's so new. I don't get off on guitar synthesizers. I thought what Steve Vai got out of his guitar on the PIL record and *Eat Em and Smile* was amazing, his solos and bar technique.

Do you listen to players before you record?

MICHAEL: I won't listen to George Lynch or Jimi Hendrix to get ideas for my solos. I just create. Once you get on a roll you have a vibe and go for it.

CHRIS: I listen in phases. When we were writing and recording this album I wasn't listening to much of anything but focusing on this project. Once the ideas started snowballing on what we were doing all of us closed everything else off so we wouldn't be influenced by anything except the snowballing effect of

our own ideas. Now that the record's done I'm suddenly opening my ears to everything else out there. Surprisingly enough, a lot of it isn't the next hottest guitarist on the block. Before the record I was listening heavily to 90125. At the same time I'm listening to *Magical Mystery Tour* and *Sgt. Pepper*, great albums that have been around forever.

When you do a record do you think of how hard it might be to duplicate live?

MICHAEL: I'm still trying to learn the solos I played. In the studio it's just create, and the ability to play it live is the last thing on your mind. The majority of the solos are just a pass. Give me four tracks and I'll do a pass on each track.

Whichever one feels good we'll use that or a combination. I'm very aware of the rhythm that's going on. Before I play the guitar I listen to the rhythm and hear something in my head, hum it and try some different ideas. In the studio I'll try all the ideas and whichever one seems to fit I'll use. The best solos were when I would go out skiing first and go straight to the studio and my blood would be pumping and hot. I'd do one take and leave. I'd say, let me do it again. I can do it better. The producer would say get out of here. If you get something all worked out on your home deck and get used to hearing it that way and go into your studio and it sounds different, old,



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and not as good, you're put on the spot. You've got to be flexible. We just focus on making the album. That's where we're at right now, figuring out what we spent the last four months doing, and getting ready to present it to the public.

CHRIS: It makes us have to work harder. We could sit there and say I'd love to do this guitar thing except how am I ever going to play it live? "Waiting for 22" is a perfect example, an acoustic piece where I kept layering all this stuff on top of it. Geoff didn't say, 'Chris, it's cool, but how are you going to be able to do it?' He said 'Do more.'

What's the most successful song on record from your vision to reality?

MICHAEL: I liked the way "Spreading the Disease" turned out and "Speak." In writing them we had parts but they were never full complete songs and in the studio the missing pieces came together with the help of a producer. We needed someone's outside opinion to spark some creativity. It was argue and agree and it got me going.

CHRIS: The front of the record we hit the way we wanted to. The intro into "Anarchy-X" into "Revolution Calling" is a solid opening statement. The whole album in retrospect sounds like we laid a bullseye on the wall and spent a great deal of time working at it. I think we all feel we hit the bullseye.

What is Queensryche's classic.

MICHAEL: "Queen of the Reich" is always going to be the classic among metalers. It will take a few years for new stuff to become a classic.

CHRIS: This record is going to be in retrospect a major turning point for the band or our first real serious achievement musically as a vision. Something where the band jelled. From the beginning we've done stuff we're proud of. Each record has elements we're proud of. But this one seems to be where it went click and everything about every song is there. I can listen to this album and like every song on it and think this album is what it's supposed to be. There's other records where we can say that album isn't what it's supposed to be. Each record that we've done to this point somebody said we could have bettered this in a certain area. At the end of this album we all looked at each other and said we did it.

So the next time we meet you'll live or die by this album?

CHRIS: If we die by this record we'll still make another record. If this winds up in the discount bin we'll make more records. We'll still look back and think this was a major accomplishment for the band. We clicked creatively. Whether this album is where the public taste is in 1988, who knows. Who cares?

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Van Halen ■ Warner Bros.

PERFORMANCE: Less frenzy, more finesse; **HOT SPOTS:** "Mine All Mine," "Feels So Good," and "Finish What Ya Started;" **BOTTOM LINE:** The least predictable Van Halen album.

"It's not really Van Halen anymore," a friend moaned recently, and in some ways on *OU812* that's true. Compared to *VAN HALEN I*, this isn't the same band, but in its finesse, unpredictability, jumble of rock and classic stun-gun guitar, *OU812* bears distinct Van Halen markings. *OU812* has the requisite slaying riff rockers in "Black and Blue" and "Source of Infection" (ever subtle) and several cool, keyboard-based ballads like the oozing "Feels So Good." But what may take getting used to is the care and craftiness in several strikingly un-Van Halen-like tunes. "Cabo Wabo" is an atypically long and sparse jerking rocker, while "Finish What Ya Started" is a popping honky tonk country strut with uncharacteristically subtle fingering from Eddie Van Halen. Sammy Hagar's raspy, straining sing-scream is soothingly balanced by an inordinate supply of boy-choir harmonies. Even Eddie has tamed his mad riffing a mite, though his soloing still amazes in its combination of melodic jabs and careening flash on "Mine All Mine" or his free-fall into "When It's Love." Whether *OU812* grows on you or melts into your collection, it shows the boys thinking about love as much as sex now, musicality as much as hell-bent rocking.

**OPERATION: MINDCRIME**
Queensryche ■ EMI-Manhattan

PERFORMANCE: Ambitiously theatrical; **HOT**

SPOTS: Hard to single out; **BOTTOM LINE:** Queensryche achieves their operatic glory.

Queensryche has always had an ear for the operatic excess and grand drama of metal music, combining sweeping melodies with Geoff Tate's superhuman vibratoed lung-busting. Now this Seattle-based band has put together the fragments of its expansive vision on *Operation: Mindcrime*, an ambitious "audio movie" of faith, drugs, sex and revolution that's both far-reaching and firmly rocking. No concept album is worth its weight in salt without the songs to support it and *Mindcrime* has the melodies supplied by guitarists Chris DeGarmo and Michael Wilton, sophisticated songs that shift with a jazzman's savvy and a rocker's intensity. The hurtling riff of the title cut, the creeping menace of "Speak" and the bucking groove of "Spreading the Disease" are all paced by sparkling musicianship and biting guitar breaks that help balance Tate's sometimes excessive pining. This is drama after all, and while the theatrics aren't always successful ("Suite Sister Mary"), the playing is, from wailing solo to slick segue. This hour-long extravaganza is one of the most intellectually ambitious and musically interesting metal efforts of the 80's and reaffirms Queensryche as one daring and musically adept band.

**RAM IT DOWN**
Judas Priest ■ Columbia

PERFORMANCE: Bestial; **HOT SPOTS:** "Love Zone," "Blood Red Skies" and "Heavy Metal;" **BOTTOM LINE:** Classic Priest rammimg, from back on top.

From the opening blood-curdling Rob Halford scream, *Ram It Down* never relents in its classic Judas Priest volume assault, and we're not just talking decibels volume here. *Ram It Down* is power-packed with an impressive bundle of monstrous riffs, speaker-overloading effects and hurdling, all-stops-out soloing from guitarists Glenn Tipton and K.K. Downing. It has been a while since these English metal veterans have put it all together like this, with nary a lick uninteresting or riff unmemorable. It's as if the band decided to stop ditzing around with commercial songwriting assistance and hit-seeking and turned back to the pure throbbing creativity that made the band's name synonymous with the words heavy metal. The Frankensteinian "Monsters of Rock" and the expansive spook of "Blood Red Skies"

make for some of the heaviest music to pop woofers lately, while the title cut and the tribal rhythm "Love Zone" rock with unrestrained fervor. Tipton and Downing have seldom sounded better, or at least have rarely been presented in such solid melodic surroundings and pushed their songs' edges with such spirit. With *Ram It Down*, Judas Priest has once again made a record equal to its heavy history.

**CREST OF A KNAVE**
Jethro Tull ■ Chrysalis

PERFORMANCE: Light and airy; **HOT SPOTS:** Martin Barre's guitar; **BOTTOM LINE:** Worthy guitar despite the concept.

It takes awhile to get past the cynical commerciality of the populist concept behind Jethro Tull's twenty-first album; the songs were chosen by a consumer taste test. Once past that and into the very English, very Dire Straits-like music, the songs don't surface so much because of Ian Anderson's flute or spitting vocals, which are breathily toned-down. Nope, the key ingredient in this folksy, pastoral music is Martin Barre's wide-spectrum guitar. Barre's playing doesn't always jump out at you, but it's worth digging in for. He steps back quietly into the mix, as always, but he is everpresent, whether cranking out some aggressive licks on "Steel Monkey," supplying steady counterpoint for Anderson's flute on "Farm on the Freeway," or spinning out folky filigrees on the expansive "Budapest." His solos are short but heady takes on Anderson's melodies, reserved but persistent, dipping into sounds reminiscent of both Mark Knopfler and Billy Gibbons on the gallop of "Jump Start" and the pump of "Raising Steam." Anderson's workingman lyrics or the trite drama of "Budapest" may ring false, but Barre's contributions offer plenty of steady, biting musical pleasure.

ONE IN THE SUN
Steve Gaines ■ MCA

PERFORMANCE: Groovin'; **HOT SPOTS:** "Give It to Get It" and "Talkin' About Love;" **BOTTOM LINE:** Fine, friendly, funky find.

When a 1977 plane crash effectively ended the musical life of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Ronnie Van Zant wasn't the band's only tragic loss. Relatively new third guitarist, Steve Gaines,

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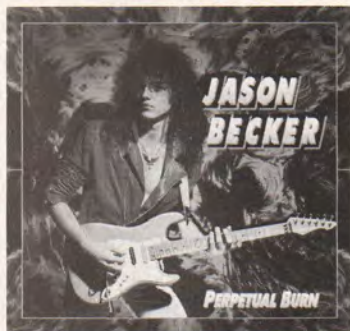
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and his backing vocalist sister also perished, and until the packaging of these mid-70's unreleased masters, little was known of Gaines as a songwriter, singer and player outside Skynyrd. *One in the Sun* is a collection of funky, soulful, good-time Southern rock headed up by Gaines and performed by a churning groove band that really captures the music's feeling. The songs range from strutting Memphis soul to slower, swinging



blues and grinding funk jamming, surprisingly fresh performances of well-worn Southern jaunts. Gaines sings with spirit and adds tense blues solos that comfortably reinforce his friendly songs, taking a B.B. King tack on the snapping "Give It to Get It" and fluttering prettily on the subdued "Take My Time" (though second guitarist John Moss also may have taken some leads). There is nothing terribly new or revealing in *One in the Sun*, but it is a fitting, spirited glimpse of Gaines as a songwriter and jamming solo musician, making him more than just the other guy that went down.



JASON BECKER

Jason Becker ■ Shrapnel

PERFORMANCE: Zooming; **HOT SPOTS:** "Eleven Blue Egyptians," "Temple of the Absurd," and "Air;" **BOTTOM LINE:** Style wins over substance.

Jason Becker is one half of the speed-metal team Cacophony (Vinyl Score May, '88), a player possessing a monstrous technique whose solo album displays a wide-range of skills in a blur of instrumental excess. One is often hard-pressed to differentiate one Becker tune from another, but each lumbering collection of riffs and speeding themes has its high points as Becker exposes his technique like an instrumental stripper. Most of the first side runs together in its constant guitar zooming and

MIDLINE



WIN THIS RECORD

David Lindley & El Rayo-X ■ Asylum Records

From the canyons of El-Lay a very distinct musical style emerged in the 70s, a laid back, country/folk flavored rock whose prime proponents were Jackson Browne, the Eagles and Linda Ronstadt. Often buried in the bevy of sides that cruised forth along the L.A. Freeway was a superlative session guitarist whose howling pedal steel guitar licks became Jackson Browne's musical signature. In collaborations ranging from Browne to Ronstadt to Rod Stewart to fellow stalwart multi-instrumentalist Ry Cooder, David Lindley was the unknown man behind one of the West Coast's most distinctive guitar sounds. Unknown to many, that is, until given the chance to record a couple of records of his own for Asylum in the early Eighties with his band El Rayo-X. Lindley still makes himself available for many sessions as sideman, but he also continually takes time to travel with his band and burn up clubs coast to coast with his torrid Caribbean musical hybrids and a truly bizarre collection of pawnshop guitars and cheap polyester clothes. *Win This Record* was El Rayo-X's second album (a third is rumored to be due shortly) and offers a pleasing cross of laid back California playing and percolating reggae rhythms.

Lindley wrote half the tunes on *Record*, including two excellent rockers, "Talk to the

Lawyer," with its political and reggae themes, and the smoking "Make It on Time," which has a classic road groove and features prototypical wailing Lindley guitar. On the covers side, Lindley and buddies favor obscure reggae like the hiccupping "Turning Point," with more wobbly Lindley slide, and the Jamaican workup of the New Orleans standard "Brother John." On those tunes the band shows its mettle in a locked-in rhythmic feel that really grabs hold in Lindley's live shows. The guitarist, with his singing powered by some odd band harmonies, is never spectacular, never flashy, but always appropriate. *Win This Record* is an album of quirky fun that captures both a melting pot of rhythms and the easy, nagging Los Angeles rock sound that's gone from Browne through Joe Walsh into Ry Cooder out of Warren Zevon and onto David Lindley and El Rayo-X.



oodles of arching runs. Becker's playing is stately and flawlessly articulated but uncomfortably rigid in its quest for record-breaking NPS's (Notes-per-Second). The first side's closer "Air" has the feel of a classical rondo and exposes a lighter, though no less speedy, Becker. Side two rocks harder and finds Becker more emotionally involved, biting into the Middle-Eastern "Temple of the Absurd," and emerging from some kick-ass speed-balling on "Eleven Blue Egyptians" to wail a mean blues. On "Dweller in the Cellar" Becker actually sounds like he's having fun jumping from one theme to the next, breaking away momentarily from the burden his marvelous technique sometimes seems to be.

UNSPOKEN WORDS

Jeff Golub ■ Gaia

PERFORMANCE: Sweeping and evocative; **HOT SPOTS:** "Nit Pickin'," "Widows Walk,"



and "Samba DeCara;" **BOTTOM LINE:** A second stringer struts confidently.

Jeff Golub has played with Billy Squier, Rod Stewart, Peter Wolf and Joe Cocker, but *Unspoken Words* is the guitarist's first chance to be heard out front. Teaming up with his New York club band Low Profile,

Golub used his vinyl well, stretching out in a host of rhythmic and atmospheric settings, impressing with both his ready command of sharp rhythm licks and solid, emotive soloing. Golub and Low Profile shift adroitly, sounding like a reincarnation of storied studio band Stuff one minute, rock full throttle the next, and then bringing it down for introspective jazz searching a la Carlos Santana or John Coltrane. Golub is firmly supported by reedsman Jim Biggins who doubles Golub's leads and solos heartily, but the guitarist is in the spotlight. His guitar can sing the blues, contort in metallic gyrations or sing mournfully as on "Widows Walk." His playing is fiery and emotional, mean when needed, calm and relaxing at other times. And while Golub's playing is sharp and sweeping in its breadth of attacks, the album's full measure is realized through the truly group effort put forth by Golub's no longer Low Profile band.

TIME ODYSSEY

Vinnie Moore ■ Squawk

PERFORMANCE: Extendedly classical; **HOT SPOTS:** "As Time Slips By," "Pieces of a Picture," and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps;" **BOTTOM LINE:** Less metallic, more formally derived speed guitar.

Vinnie Moore was chosen "Metal God In Waiting" by this magazine, but his second solo album *Time Odyssey* shows Moore to be less a metal god and more a fuser of classical thinking and rock rhythm. There is



little of metal's squealing high energy on *Odyssey*. Instead Moore unravels long, increasingly developed instrumental excursions filled with smooth, controlled solo streaming. Moore has it all in check here while still occasionally sailing off on crashing, at times ostentatious rock workouts like "Race with Destiny." But his writing and playing are more in tune with classical influences and colored by a truer romanticism than on his last record. "Beyond the Door" and "As Time Slips By" are more subdued pieces on which Moore takes his hanging melodies and builds dramatic solos, blurring the lines between inspiration and expression as he blurs his high-speed cascades. "April Sky" goes so far as to join two J.S. Bach pieces, while "The Tempest" breaks in a too brief, affecting acoustic passage. Nevertheless, this Delaware demon remains firmly tied to rock, as "Morning Star" and "Pieces of a Picture" show. But on *Time Odyssey* he is heard as the most sensitive assimilator of classical feeling and attack among today's rock guitar instrumentalists.

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Michael Angelo / Nitro ■ Gazzarri's West Hollywood

by Lawrence Payne



When applied to the subject of metal, the real issue is one of purpose. Pure, unadulterated volume and rebelliousness are important, but isn't there something more? The specific question in regard to Nitro is, why does a band with such an obvious abundance of chops sell itself short with the magic-act routine?

The answer to that, in light of the overpoweringly assaultive guitar playing of Michael Angelo, is elusive. To begin, the show suffered from dead-air syndrome. First, singer Jim Gillette shattered a glass with his voice, which was impressive enough. But then he attempted, amid howls of disapproval, to shatter the rest of the wine service piece by piece. Guess what? He blew it.

To say that Michael Angelo is a hot guitarist would truly understate the facts. Michael Angelo is a HELLACIOUS guitarist! While the band powered into "Prisoner

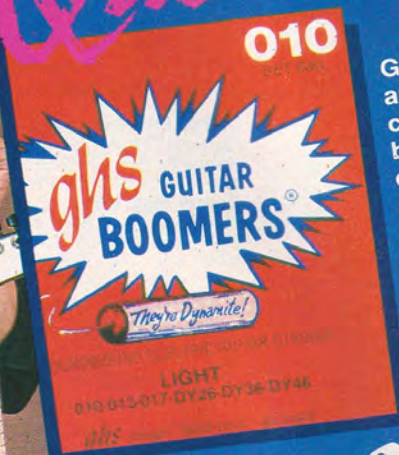
of Paradise," the ex-Holland axeman tossed forth a scorching volley of licks. His right hand arched high, compact, and rigid over the strings, the left ripping off elaborate, descending scalar runs from beneath and above the neck, the guitarist left little doubt about his technical virtuosity. Attention to pacing and content were another matter, however. "A Long Way from Home" proved to be nothing more than a vocal range war for Gillette, despite an arpeggiated duet between Angelo and the genuinely attitudinal bassist T.J. Racer—the band's true frontman—who was as busy as a one-legged man in a butt kickin' contest. Other tunes, like "Nasty Reputation," were typically devoid of structural distinction, though the silly power-ballad "Heaven's Just a Heartbeat Away" did include an interesting minor-key midsection. "Freight Train" made good use of a prere-

corded, ultraloud intro before it kicked into highway (read "Highway Star") gear. Throughout, Michael Angelo embellished the proceedings like a prairie hailstorm. Obviously, he is very, very fast; obviously, he is well-practiced. But he's neither the first nor the last to possess such a level of dexterity. The twin-guitar solo was excessively calculated but mercifully short, and like those that came before, it lacked the element of tension. The most intriguing aspect of Michael Angelo's playing was a maniacally cyclical feel; one which would have come across much better if slowed down to within the range of someone like...Yngwie Malmsteen.

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bly much. I would rather have someone playing something beautifully on a guitar or sax or synthesizer than have a voice babbling inanely.

You've done a lot of work with other players. Pete Townshend's piano part on "I Moved" reminded me of what you do on guitar.

That's what I did on "Give Blood" off his *White City* album. It was exactly that part. I went in and was supposed to be working on the "White City" track and they double booked me and Simon Phillips on the same day by mistake. The track Simon was going to do was something I wasn't going to be doing and vice versa. Pete dug "Give Blood" out

and played it, having a synth doing that same thing with the DDL on it, and said, 'You do a lot of stuff with the DDL, why don't you try and do a line similar to this on the guitar?' I worked that out with **How different does it feel being a side-man instead of a leader?**

I'm quite used to it. I've been there. I'm not bothered about being the leader of something all the time. Of course to get the chance to play Pete Townshend's guitar parts on "Won't Get Fooled Again," with Pete singing and me doing his bits, was every guitar player's dream. To be a part of his Brixton concert was absolutely fantastic. Everyone bitched at him for not taking it on the road. But a man's got to do what a **I heard you almost joined Supertramp?**

No, that was a rumor invented by MTV. They asked me to play on one track. That was the extent of it. I don't think I gave them quite what I should have given them. I don't think I got quite as much out of it as I should have done for some reason. But it's nice. There's some bits in the solo that are great ideas.

How was working with McCartney on *Broadstreet*?

"No More Lonely Nights" was a song he wrote and he wanted it to go over the end credits of the film. He rang me up and I went into Air studios in London with a bunch of other musicians. We learned it and put it down in one three hour session. It was probably second take and he played piano and sang the lead vocals live with the rest of us playing the backing track. It's as live as you get, with the lead vocal live right there and then. I don't think he changed it.

How were Townshend and McCartney as leaders?

Very, very good. Those guys have been around long enough to know exactly what they want to do. You can see areas of them and say that's not the way I would do it. But then you say it's part of what they are. You look at other parts and say that's great, that's exactly how I'd do it. You can't define what you learn and what you don't learn. Certain things you believe get confirmed, certain beliefs lose their strength a little bit. They are both very strong people and know what they want to do. Both are phenomenally talented. The recording process is deceptive. You can make almost anyone good on a record. But when you can sit next to someone (McCartney) who can just sit at a piano and sing, you go, Jesus, that's really on it. If he sings live and you put it down on a record, it doesn't actually sound that much better than someone who has done 50 takes while someone else played the piano and you've dropped in the vocal line by line. If you've spent as much time in a recording studio as I have and heard as

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many different people singing and doing as many things, you rarely find someone who can just sit down and it sounds so good, so perfect straight on. It's a great facility to have that talent.

On *Lapse* you work with songwriters Phil Manzanera and Anthony Moore. How did those collaborations work?

There hasn't been a lot of outside influence or collaboration with other people with the writing in Pink Floyd. But there's been loads of other musicians playing throughout the time. With Roger going my priority was to make a good record. If that meant collaborating with other people who I liked and respected I certainly was not going to attempt to do all of it myself and make a fool of myself. Anthony is a great songwriter. He wrote "No Parlez" for Paul Young, words and music. On this his brief was to just write lyrics. He came in and worked away with me every day for months. We did have a high failure rate, as hundreds and hundreds of ideas were gone through and discarded. We explored every avenue. I played him my music, he played me his music. He showed me lyrics he'd already written. I told him about things I felt about tracks. He came up with ideas on his own. "On the Turning Away" was Anthony's basic idea. It got rewritten a lot, but he came up with that phrase and basis for the song. He was inspired to write that directly by the music. He listened to the track and said, wow. Phil Manzanera's a friend of mine. We decided to have a crack at something one day. We went to his house and put down two or three different tracks over a couple of days. Most of the music from "One Slip" came from Phil. It was something he'd already got bits of. We spent a couple days throwing ideas around and this was the one that fitted this album the best.

What's the contribution made by Tony Levin?

There's lot of bass players who can get in the groove and can play a good part that will fit. There's a lot of other bass players who can do some nice melodic things. Someone who will work on a melodic groove as part of the same thing can change songs around. Some of the things he did on the *Gabriel* album, and on ours make him great. I like the way he thinks about things. It's similar to the way I think about things. He'll get any amount of pedals out and stick them all together and say, try this. On "Yet Another Movie" he played bass with a drum stick.

What makes this a Pink Floyd album? What is the difference in the intent between *Momentary Lapse* and *About Face*?

There's no difference in the intent. I'm sure there must be a slight change in attitude when I'm making a Pink Floyd

record than when I'm making a solo record. Quite what that is is very hard to define. Sometimes I look back at my second solo album and think maybe I should have adopted a more Pink Floyd approach but I deliberately didn't.

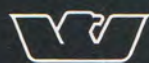
What would that have meant?

That would have probably meant I would have dropped one or two tracks and might have made one or two of the other ones longer. But I don't know; I don't sit around and analyze myself.

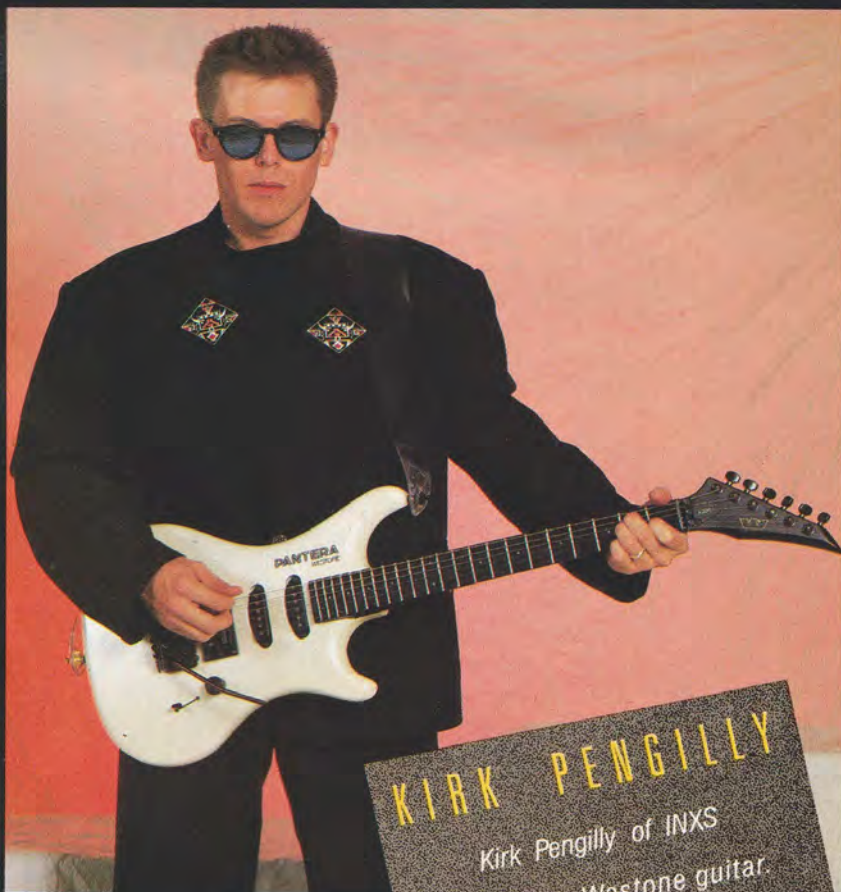
Pink Floyd is a distinctly British band.

When I first went over to the states and saw these great psychedelic bands like the Jefferson Airplane and the Grateful Dead, I was amazed that they really seemed to be largely country music tart-

ed up in a way. There was quite a strong element of that in it. The Doors were the ones who sounded more like an English type thing than any of those other ones. They were the ones who didn't have any country flavor. 90% or more of English music in the past 20 years has been done with a distinct slant towards America with American accents in the singing. It's a little less these days. The last few years English guys have tended to latch on to singing. Syd Barrett certainly sang totally in a straight English voice. Along with Ray Davies he is one of the great old English voices. I've always been keen on singing and creating ones own identity. Part of that is to be honest about what you are. —

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thing first just to get that done. I've got a lot of material that would fit into that vein very nicely. And I've got some other stuff that's more contemporary that would fit into the rock 'n' roll." In the meantime, the reprocessed preflyte Byrds album, *Never Before*, with new stereo mixes of "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Eight Miles High," among others, will have to suffice. "I was involved in the production of it to a small extent," said McGuinn. "They sent me the roughs and I told them what I didn't like and what I did like and they went back and modified it and then sent me another batch of roughs and I told them how that came out."

Living in Florida these days near the Gulf of Mexico, when he's not on the road touring with people like the Beach Boys, McGuinn writes his new songs on a word processor; he's got a four-track home studio; he collaborates with his wife. "I usually get the melody first and work it out on the guitar. And then I play it until it suggests something to me, like a line or an idea and then I build it from there. Sometimes I go through two or three different sets of lyrics until I lock in on the one I like." One thing he's certainly not unaware of is the impact of the Byrds sound on a new generation of post folk/rock punks just trying to make music.

"There are actually so many groups, it's hard to keep track of them all," said McGuinn. "But I'm aware of R.E.M. and the Long Ryders and Green on Red. To some extent the Church. And then a lot of groups claim to have a little bit of influence. It's kind of amazing that after all these years they've picked up on that particular sound to get into. You would think it would be like the Beatles or Rolling Stones or something. I think it's a compliment. Musically, I think I've kind of stayed where I am, which is what I like. I've always liked harpsichord and Bach and things like that. And the 12-string guitar is kind of like the harpsichord sound a little bit."

It could be that McGuinn will never again epitomize an age the way the Byrds sonically captured the sixties; and never again will an age so capture the imagination and vitality of its musical citizens. If so, so be it; if so, let it be. "It was kind of a renaissance period," agreed McGuinn, not without a hint of nostalgia. "I guess since that's faded out, the incentive to do stuff like that has gone with it. It's kind of like a spiritual thing, like an atmosphere that's created that inspires people to artistic creativity and achievement, and when that breaks, there's no motivation to do that for a while. And then it comes back. I'm waiting for it to come back."

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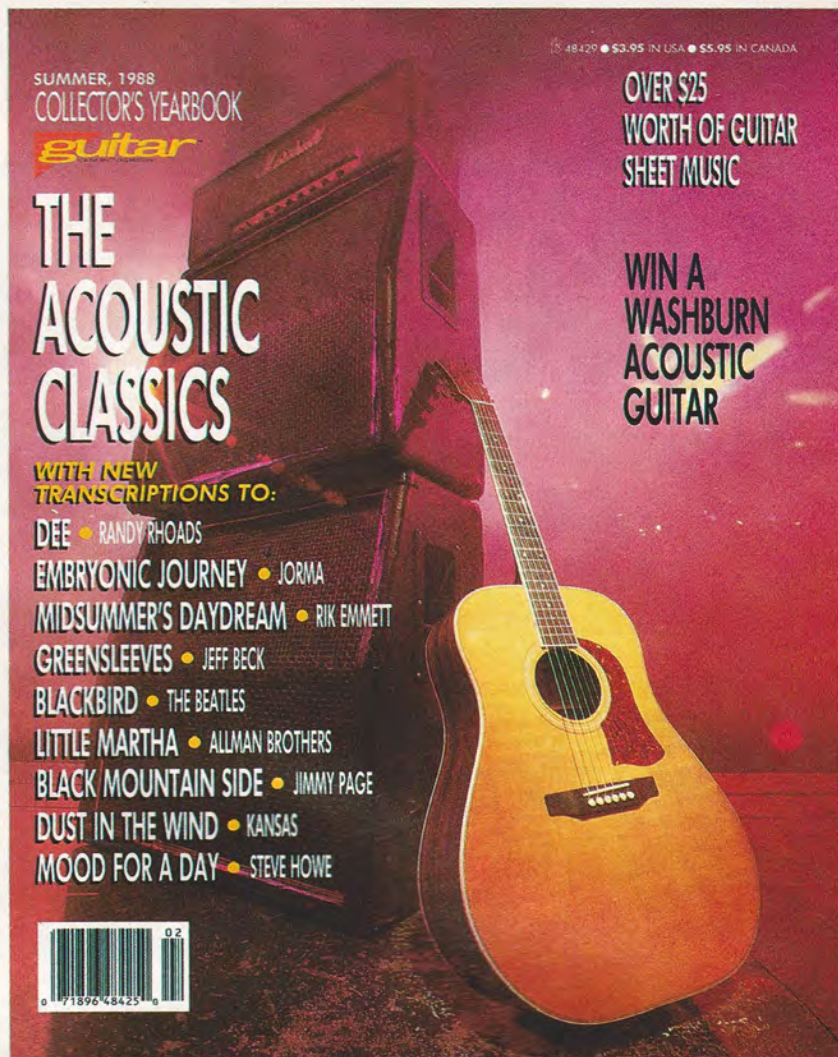
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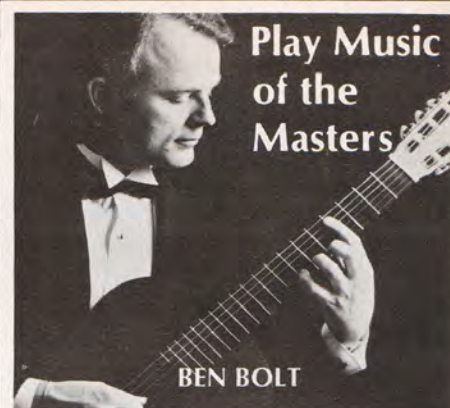
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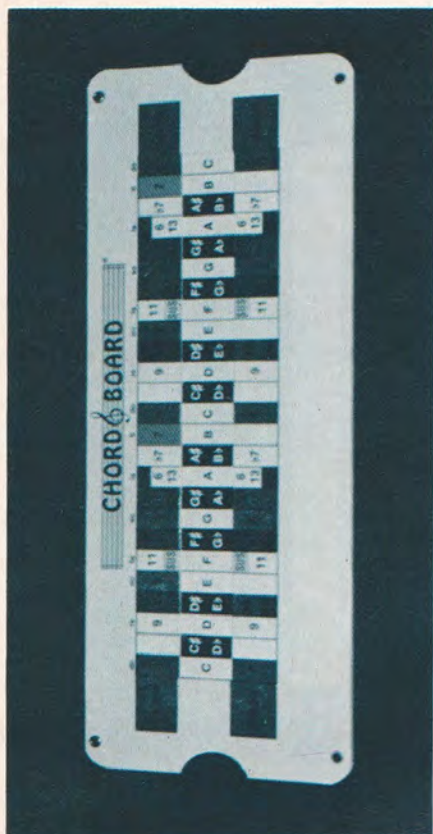


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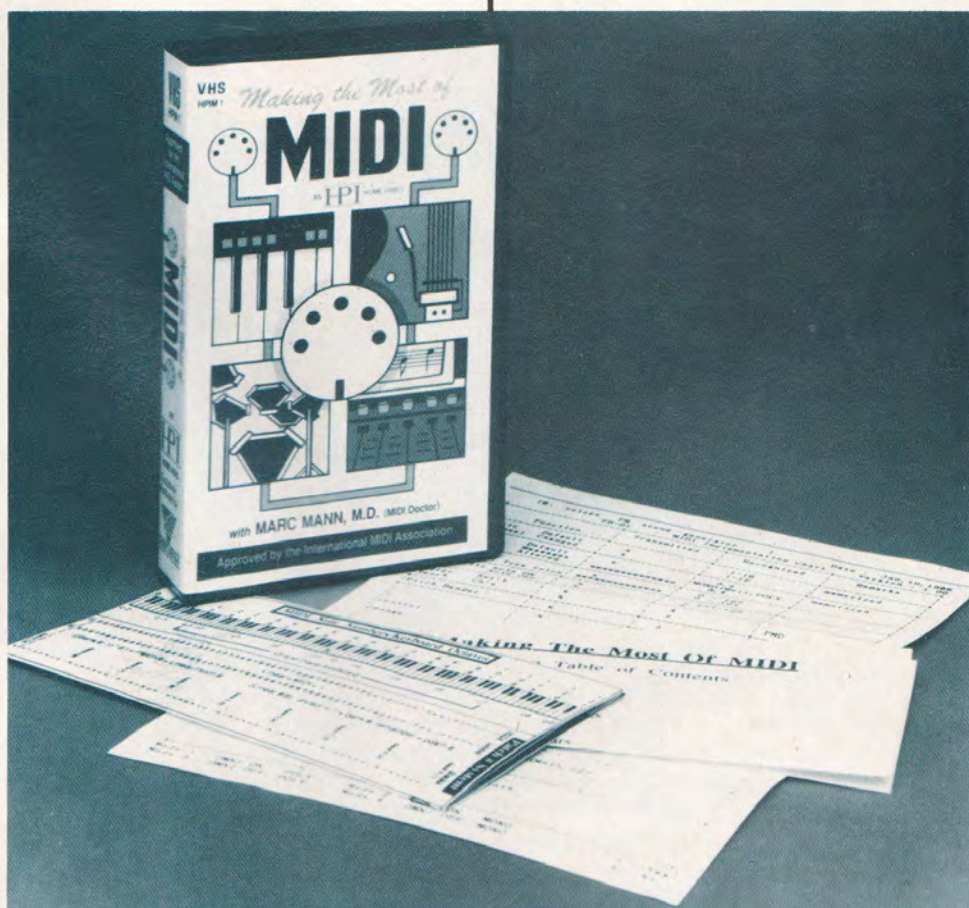
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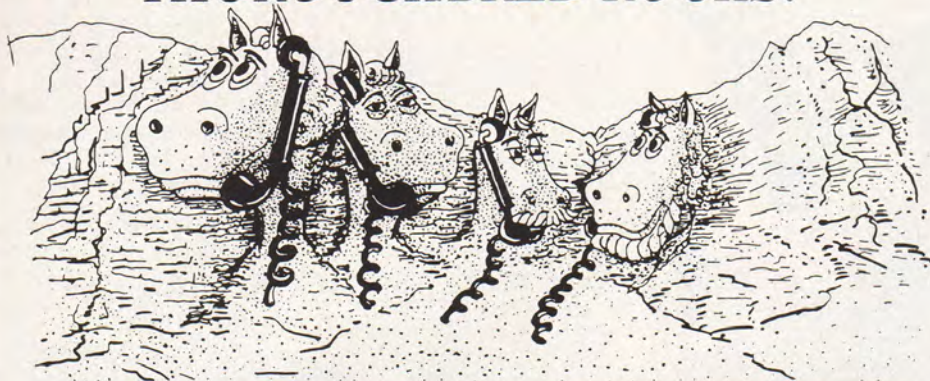
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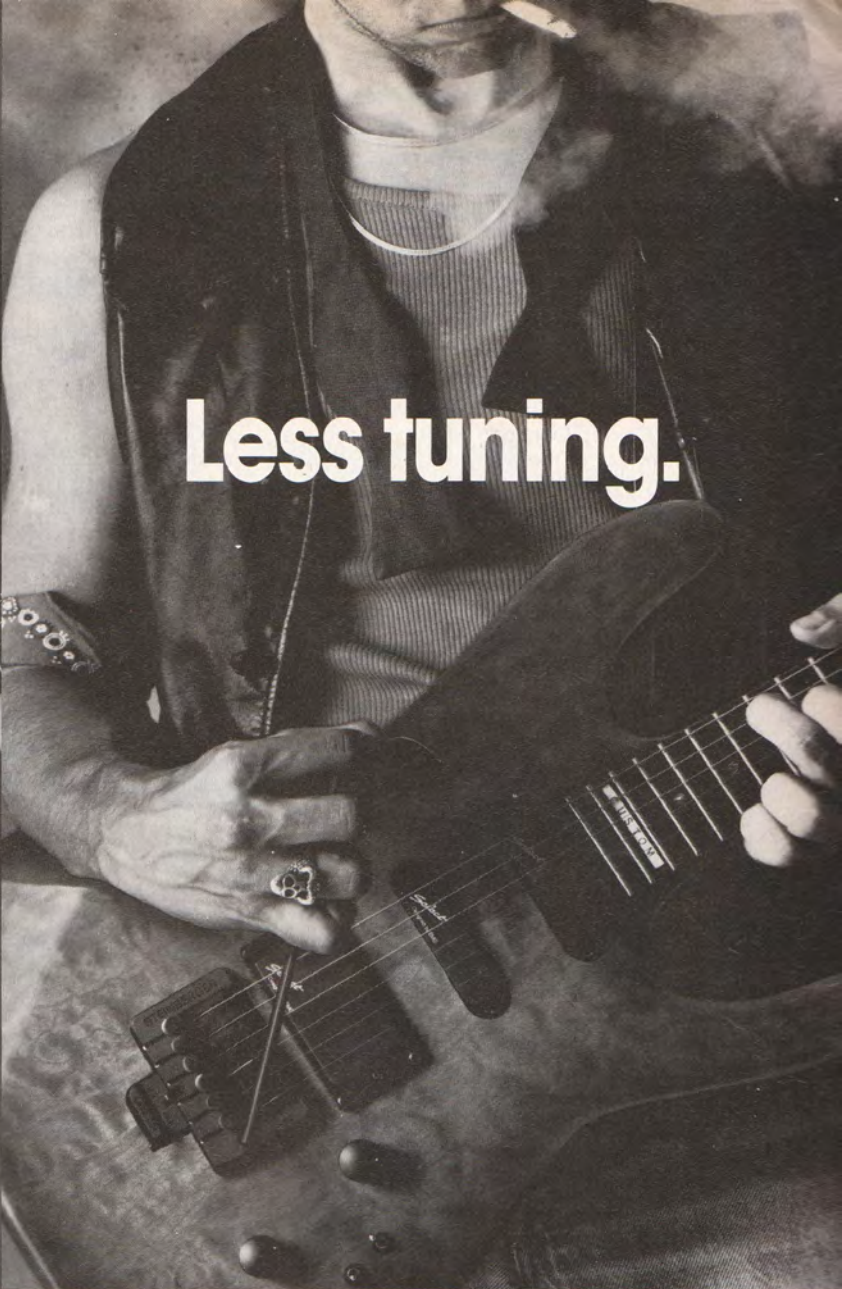
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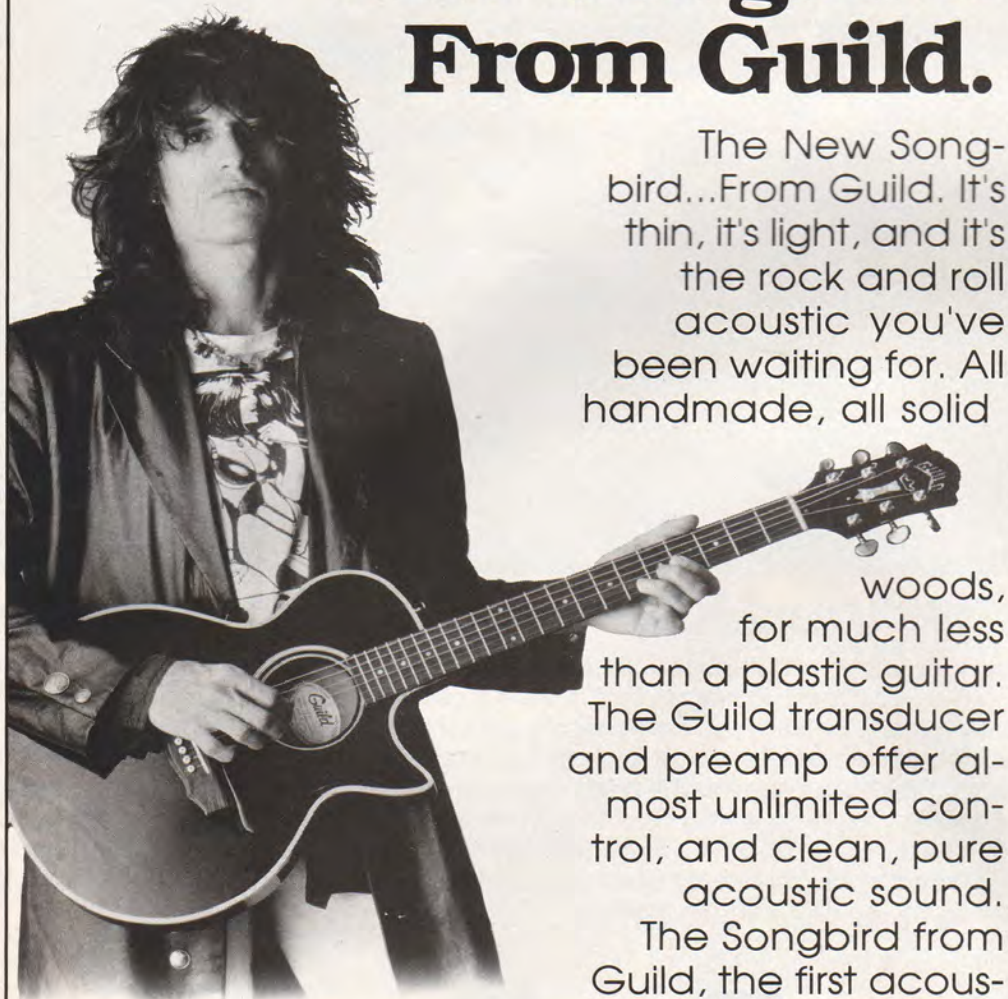
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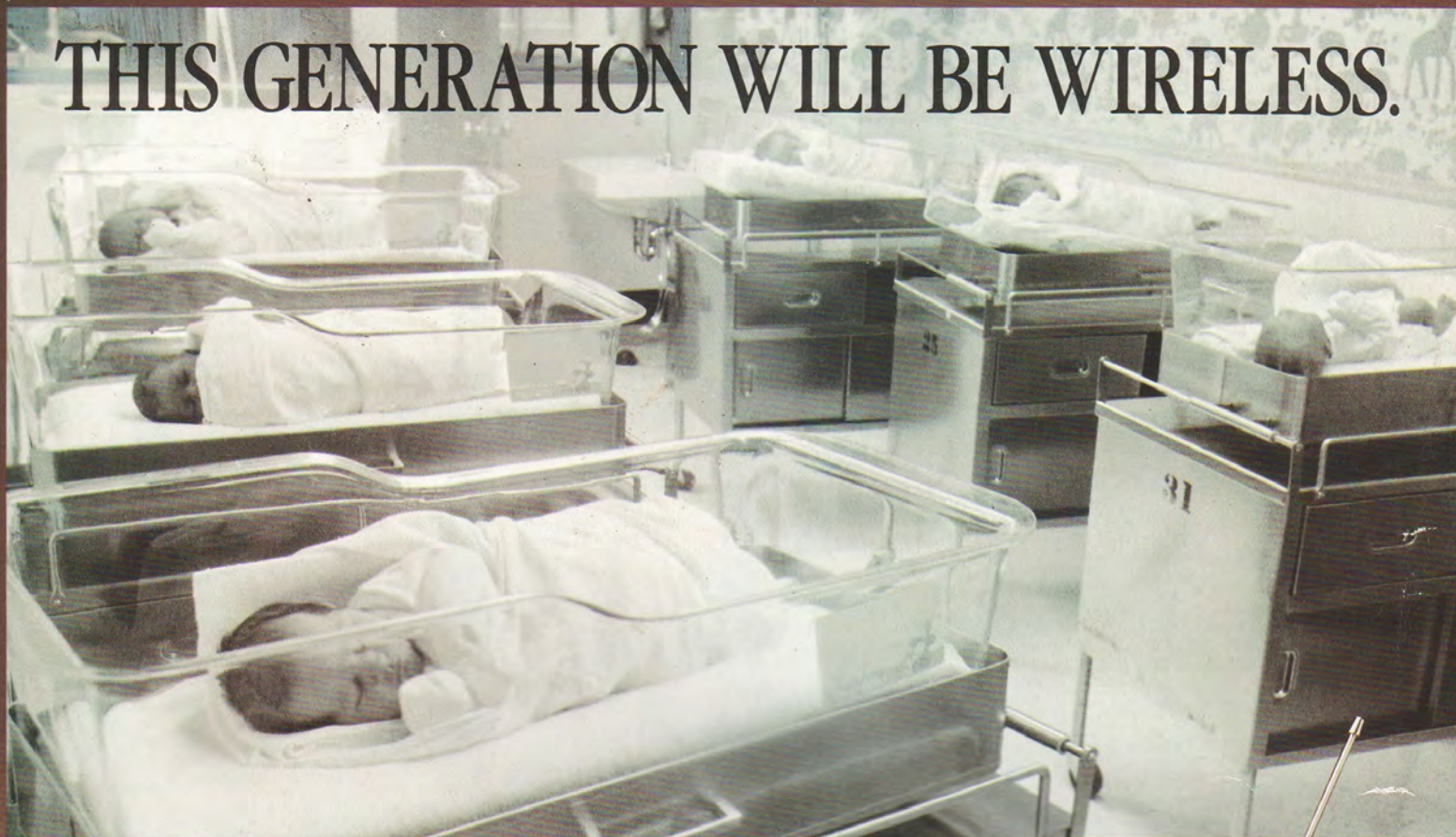
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